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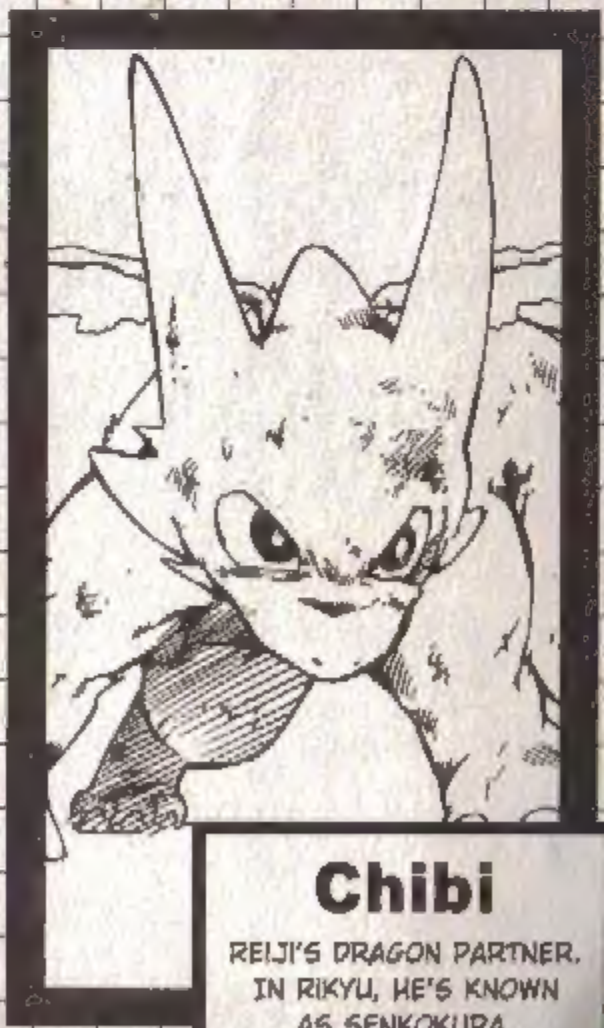
Reiji Ozora

A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO NEVER APPLIED HIMSELF, BUT HE'S TOTALLY GETTING INTO DRAGON DRIVE.

Maiko Yukino

SHE'S KNOWN REIJI SINCE CHILDHOOD. HER DRAGON PARTNER IS GORAO.





Chibi

REIJI'S DRAGON PARTNER. IN RIKYU, HE'S KNOWN AS SENKOKURA.

Kohei Toki

THE SON OF THE PRESIDENT OF *RI-ON*. HE'S AWAKENED SHINRYU, BUT HAS LOST HIS FIGHT WITH REIJI.



Hikaru Himuro

REIJI'S RIVAL. HE'S OBSESSED WITH FIGHTING REIJI.





Saizo Toki

PRESIDENT OF *RI-ON* AND CREATOR OF DRAGON DRIVE.

STORY

DRAGON DRIVE IS A VIRTUAL REALITY GAME THAT ONLY KIDS CAN PLAY. THE THRILL OF THE GAME GRIPS REIJI, A BOY WHO WAS NEVER REALLY GOOD AT ANYTHING. A GIRL NAMED MEGURU LEADS REIJI AND HIS FRIENDS TO RIKYU, AN ALTERNATE EARTH. THERE, THEY LEARN THAT *RI-ON*, THE ORGANIZATION RUNNING DRAGON DRIVE, IS PLOTTING TO ACQUIRE THE JINRYU STONE. WITH IT, *RI-ON* CAN CONTROL ALL THE DRAGONS OF RIKYU AND CONQUER BOTH WORLDS.

REIJI AND HIS FRIENDS BATTLE KOHEI TOKI FOR POSSESSION OF THE JINRYU STONE. KOHEI FINALLY SEIZES THE STONE AND USES IT TO AWAKEN THE DRAGON SHINRYU. IN RESPONSE, CHIBI TRANSFORMS INTO THE POWERFUL SENKOKURA.

REIJI LEARNS THAT SAIZO TOKI'S TRUE PLAN IS TO TRIGGER THE DRAGON CYCLE, A BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO DRAGONS THAT WILL RESULT IN ALL CREATION RETURNING TO THE VOID. CAN REIJI WIELD SHINSABER ONCE MORE AND PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD?

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DRAGON DRIVE

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BA

REIJI!

REIJI!

BOW

...JI!

KRAK

...EIJI!

KRAK


YOU ...
WAAAAH!
SPLAT
IT'S YOU !!
CHIBI !!
HEY!


HA HA HA...
HA ...
WHAT? WHERE?
REIJI!
CHIBI!
THERE IS WHERE I BELONG, RIGHT?
GRRR
PI!!
NG
REIJI! LOOK OUT !!
FWOOO
SHING


ZOOM
SPARK


FWP
YOU ...
HI-KARU !!
SHIN-SABER?
!
SHK
YOU THOUGHT DESTROYING THAT OLD SHRINE...
...WOULD DRAIN SHINSABER OF ALL ITS POWER?
KA
CHINK

ROOOOAR

MASTER GOKAKU!

LOOK !!

IT'S A GOD!

A GOD HAS COME TO SAVE US!

KING

VWOO

OOOM

SO YOU PLAN TO USE SHIN-SABER?

...COMES OUT WHEN EVERYONE WISHES TOGETHER!

THE REAL POWER OF SHIN-SABER...

NOW IT BEGINS.

FORGET IT.

...DURING THE ANCIENT SHINRYU WAR.

SHINSABER FIRST MATERIALIZED WHEN PEOPLE WISHED FOR SALVATION.

IT'S CHARGED WITH ENERGY!

GO, REIJI!

YAHOO

OH, RAD! SHIN-SABER-!!

SHING

YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT!!


LET'S ROCK!
CHIBI !!
KA
BOOM
SHING


THE VOID!
IT DRAWS EVERY-THING IN AND RETURNS IT TO NOTHING-NESS! THAT IS THE POWER OF [redacted] !!
DRAGONS AND HUMANS, WITH ALL THEIR PITIABLE WISHES!
THE SKY, THE LAND, THE SEA AND THE STARS!!
SHIN-SABER'S POWER
...IS BEING SUCKED IN!!

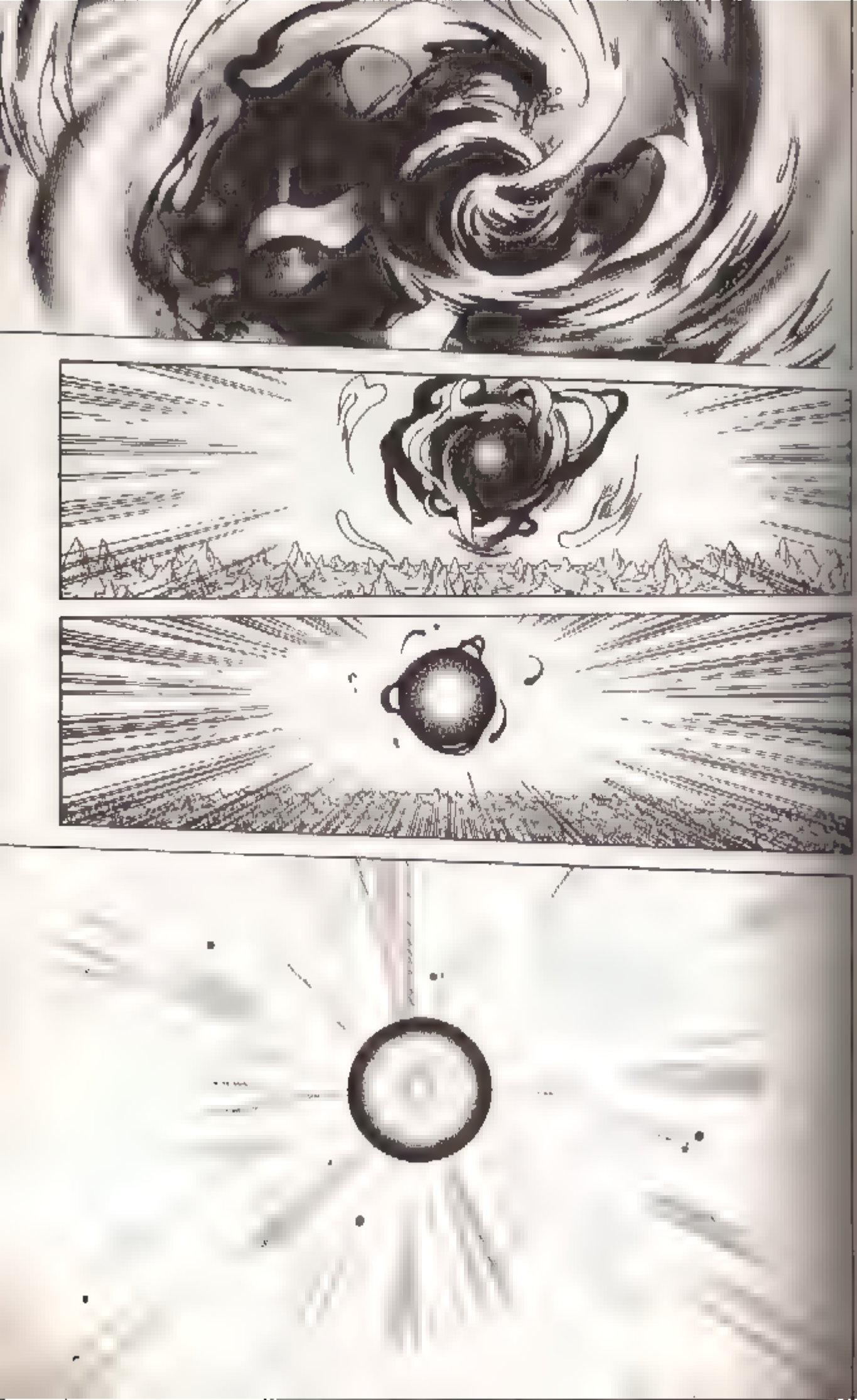

...AND A NEW WORLD WILL BE BUILT IN ITS PLACE!
ALL WILL BE LOST...
YOU'RE JUST MAKING SHINRYU STRONGER !!
REIJI! STOP !!
ALL I CAN DO IS WATCH...
THIS IS INCREDIBLE.
UNBELIEVABLE . IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER ...


SHOOM
SLIP
THAT POWER I CAN NEVER ATTAIN...
!
I CAN FEEL HIS POWER ...
FLY
P
WE CAN WIN.
WE'LL DO IT!
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT WAS DESTINY THAT WE ENDED UP ON THE SHINSABER TRIALS TOGETHER!
?!
THANKS, HIKARU!


SHINRYU HAS UNLIMITED POWER...
NO ...
WHY ARE SENKOKURA'S ATTACKS GETTING THROUGH?
THRUM
THRUM
REIJI!
REIJI!
REIJI!
REIJI!
REIJI!


REIJI!
REIJI!
REIJI!
...HAVE NO LIMIT!!
OUR WISHES FOR PEACE AND HAPPINESS
...TO THE VOID!!
YOU CAN'T RETURN THAT ...


KASH
KRIIK



REIJI!

ARRRGH!

I WILL BE THERE ...

...THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN THOSE WISHES REACH THEIR LIMIT.

...EVEN IF IT TAKES YEARS...

...EVEN IF IT TAKES *CENTURIES*...

SHOOF

JUST AS SHINRYU, WITH ALL HIS INFINITE POWER, IS ONCE AGAIN IMPRISONED BY THE WISHES OF PEOPLE...


ENSUI
...
REIJI
...
REIJI'S NOT HERE...


READ THIS WAY
WE REALLY GOT THROWN OFF COURSE.
WHERE AM I?
YIKES
HEY!
YEEP
CHIB!
...
WE BEAT SAIZO.
WE ...


HI-
KARU
...
GLOP
DUEL,
REIJI.
HA
HA
HA.
HEH
...
HEH
HEH
HEH.
I'M
KIDDING.
CAN'T
YOU...
Y'KNOW...
WAIT A
SEC...?
ER...
UM...
I KINDA
JUST
FOUGHT
SHINRYU
...
FREAKY


I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
UNTIL I FIND IT, I WON'T FIGHT YOU.
THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE YET.
WATCHING YOU FIGHT TOKI, I REALIZED SOMETHING.
HIKARU ...
ME...
THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. SO LONG ...
...AND YOU...
...AND KOHEI ...
WE COULD'VE BEEN FRIENDS


THE CITY'S DISAPPEARING FROM THE SKY.
SHAAA
HUH? WHAT IS IT?
!
THAT VOICE!
...JI !!
FWNT
...! ...!
IT'S L!!
L!
IS EVERYONE OKAY?
OM
REIJI!
SHO


HUH?
THEY'RE SISTERS?
DIDN'T I MENTION IT?
HMM?
ME-GURU!
HI...
...SISTER!
I CAN'T BELIEVE L IS THE OLDER SISTER ...
I MISSED YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH!
WAAAAH
OH, ME-GURU ...
LISTEN TO ME!
CALM DOWN, L-
THANK YOU.
MY SISTER JOINED RI-ON TO SAVE ME. ICHIRO TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
I'LL OPEN ANOTHER GATE SO YOU CAN PASS THROUGH!
...BUT IF YOU'RE COMING BACK TO EARTH, IT HAS TO BE NOW, WHILE RIKYU IS STILL CONNECTED TO THE D-ZONE.
SHOOM
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR TEARFUL REUNION
...TO EARTH?
WE'RE GOING BACK...


IF YOU MISS THIS CHANCE, WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT AGAIN!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M NOT GOING!
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO KANPA?
AND WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO EVERYBODY IN RIKYU!
HEY .. YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S TOO SOON!
I'M NOT GOING WITHOUT HIM!
BUT WE HAVEN'T FOUND REIJI YET!
IF IT'S GOTTA BE NOW, SO BE IT.
HUH?
ENOUGH CHIT-CHAT.
FWMP
FWMP
I'M STAYING IN RIKYU.
I WON'T PUT UP A FIGHT.
IT'S OKAY, MAN.
GRR
WE COOL...


YOU'RE MORE SUITED TO RIKYU.
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT.
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO IT...BUT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
I WANT TO CARRY ON ENSUI'S WORK.
ME-GURU ...
I DID NOT AGREE TO THAT!
YO.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL MARRY HER.
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEND HIM BACK MYSELF
IF IT'S JUST REIJI...
SIGH
IT'S OKAY.
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT REIJI?
I JUST... WANT YOU TO GIVE HIM JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME.
DON'T WORRY.
ME-GURU ...


HEY, CHIBI ...
YOU CALLED MY NAME BACK THERE, DIDN'T YOU?
DO IT AGAIN!
BRR
BRR
C'MON! "REIJI"!
GEEH?
HEY, CHIBI ...
DO YOU KNOW WHY I GAVE YOU THAT NAME?
LET ME TELL YOU.

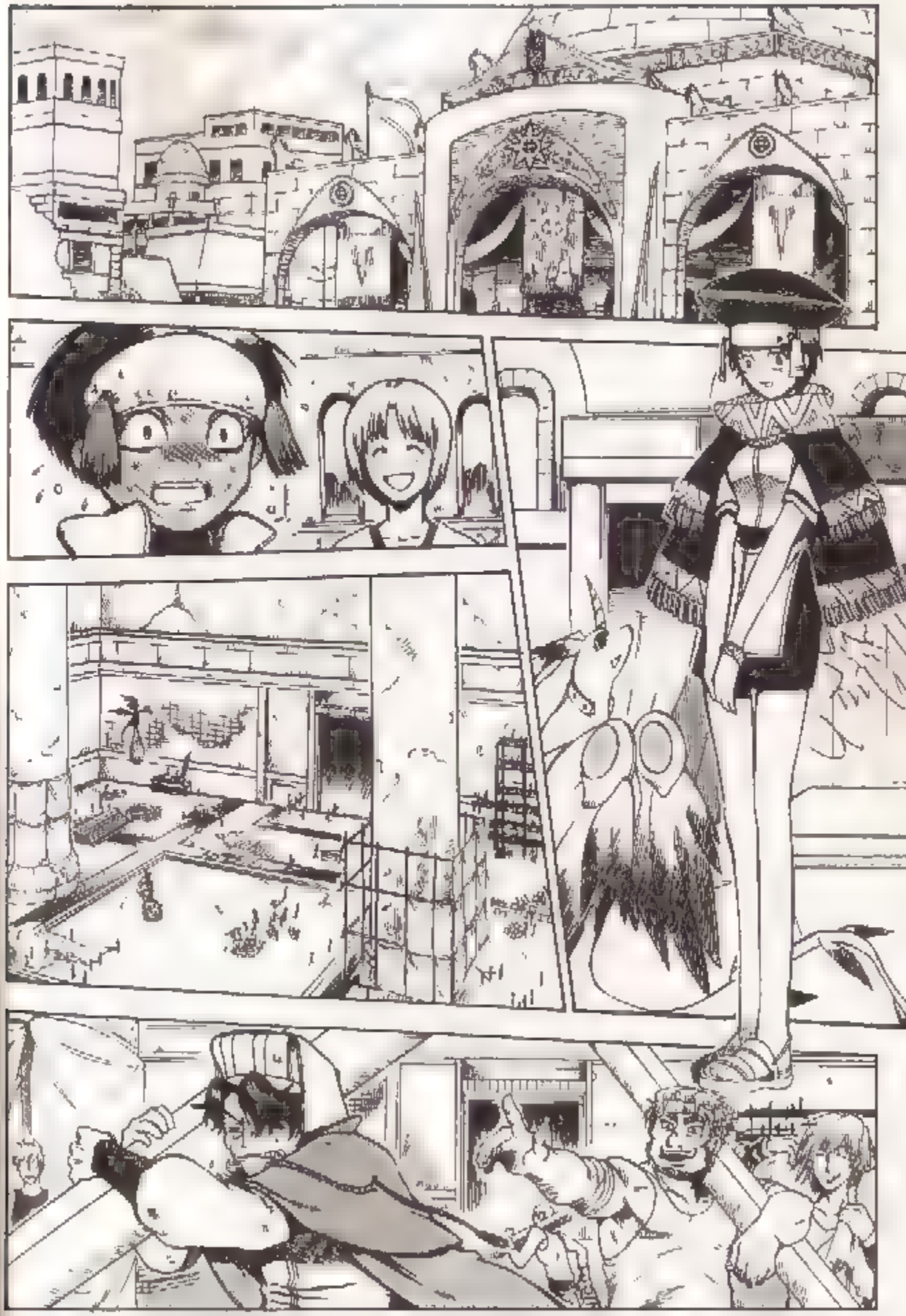

SPLASH SPLASH
WHEEP
A LONG TIME AGO, I HAD A LITTLE WHITE DOG NAMED CHIBI-SUKE...
HUG
GEEH!
YOU'RE JUST CHIBI.
?
FORGET IT!
THERE'S NO POINT TALKING ABOUT IT!

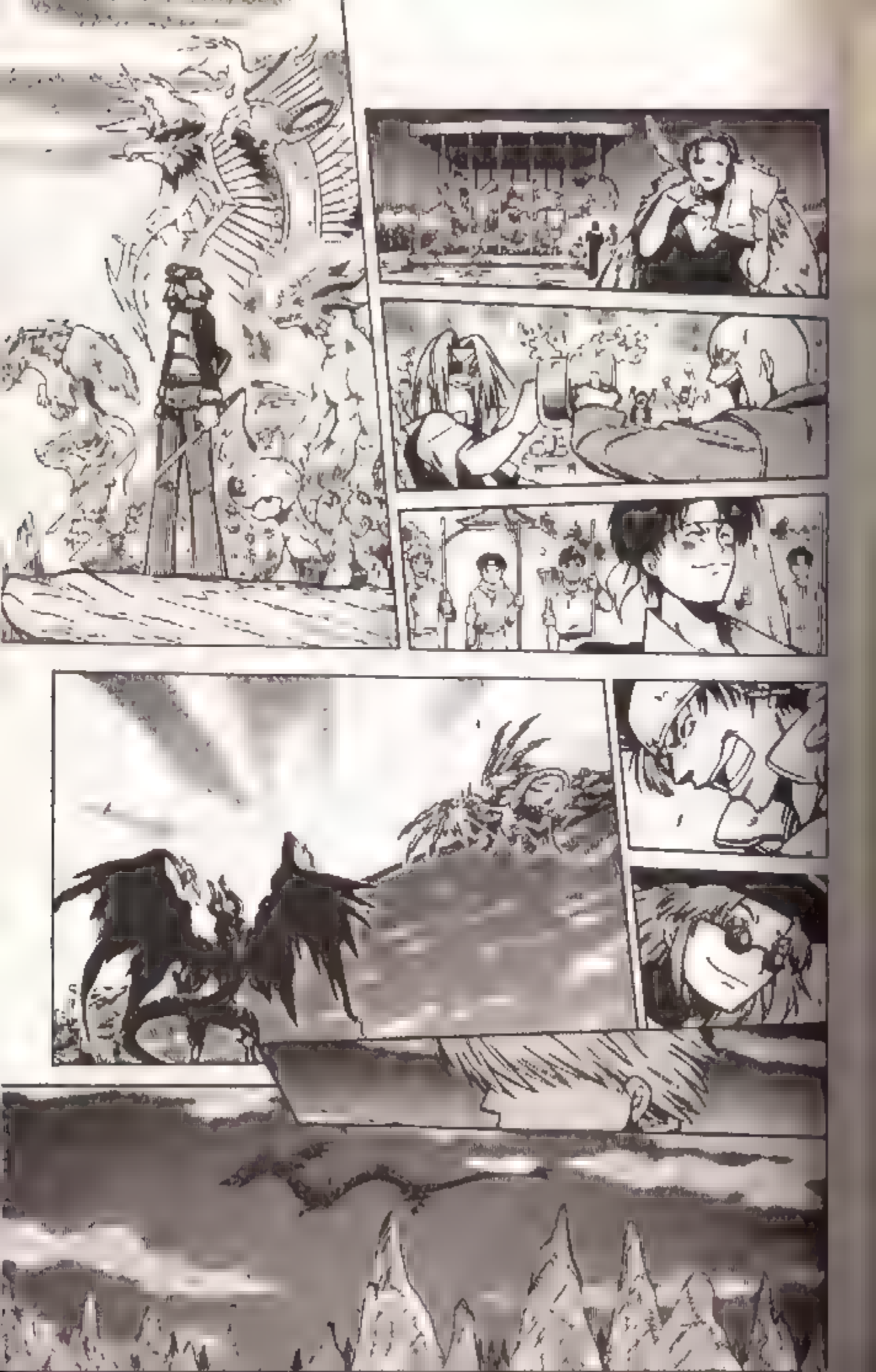

ENSUI!
HAHA
HA HA
AEE
REIJI... SENKO-KURA HAS USED ALL HIS POWER.
HE MUST SLEEP ONCE AGAIN.
YEAH. I KNOW.

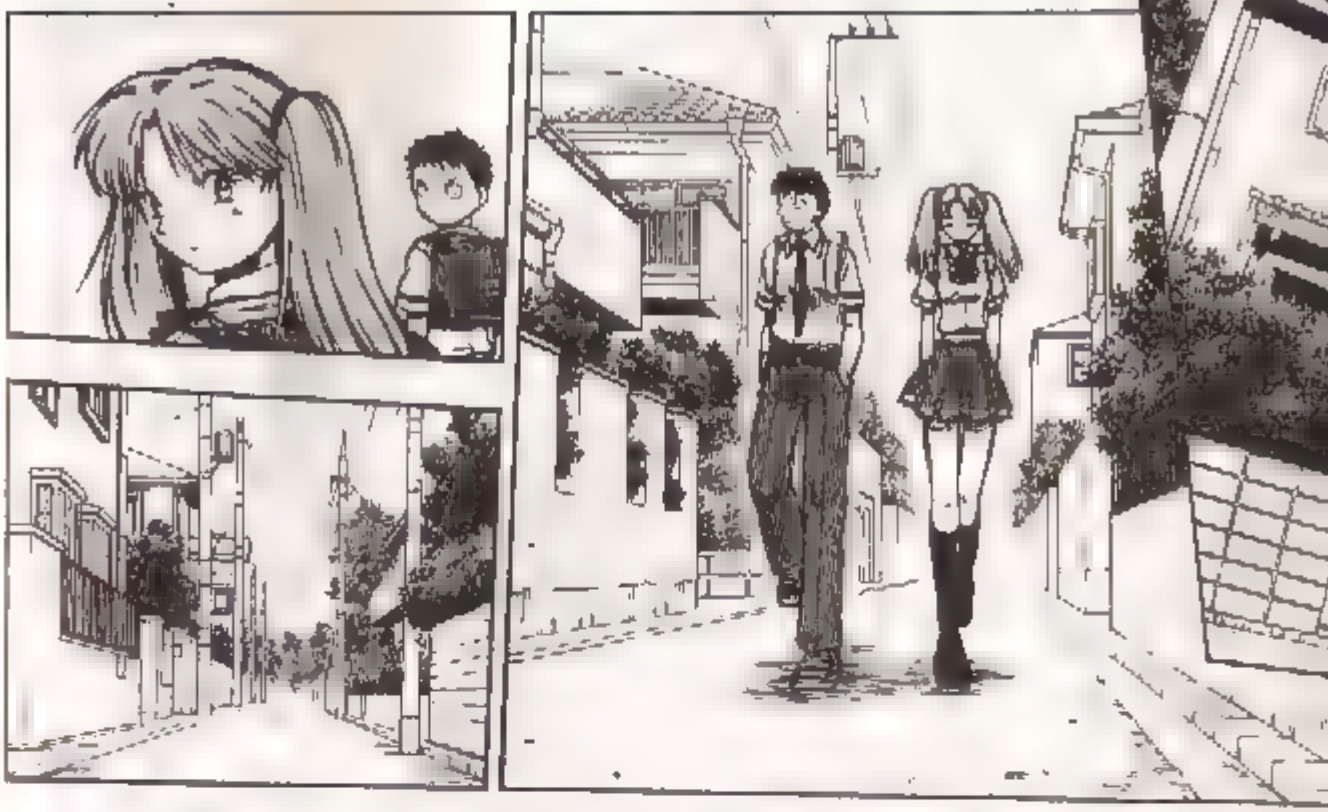

YOU'VE MADE ME FEEL LIKE I'VE REALLY GROWN UP!
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING, CHIBI!
WHEN I GET BACK TO EARTH, I'M GONNA TRY EVERYTHING!
I WON'T BE WEAK AND WHINY ANYMORE!
JEEEEE...
RAAAY...

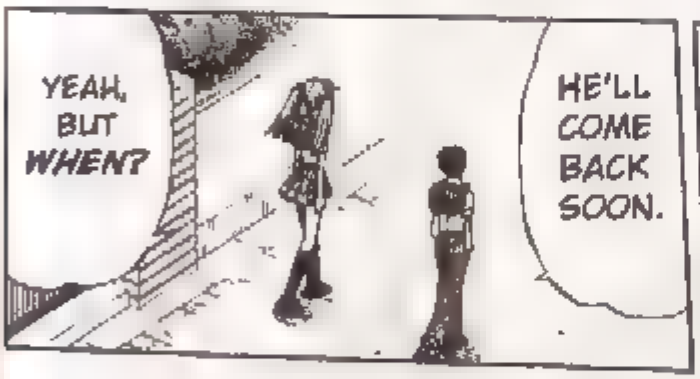

YIPE
WHAT?
CALLING OUT MY NAME...
BRRR
BRRR
NO FAIR, CHIBI... NOT NOW...
CHIIIBIII! NOOO! I'LL MISS YOOOOOU !!
WAAAH!
WAAAH


...
GO TO THE TOILET BEFORE BEDTIME! AND DON'T EAT TOO MUCH!
SOB
SOB
MAKE SURE YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH! AND WASH YOUR FACE!
WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S REIJI
NOT EXACTLY A HEROIC EXIT
DAD'S WAITING.
WELL, LET'S GO, DARX.
SNIFF
BIG BOYS DON'T CRY.
HIS NOSE IS RUNNING A WHAT A DORK
LET'S PLAY AGAIN SOMETIME REIJI OZORA! ♫

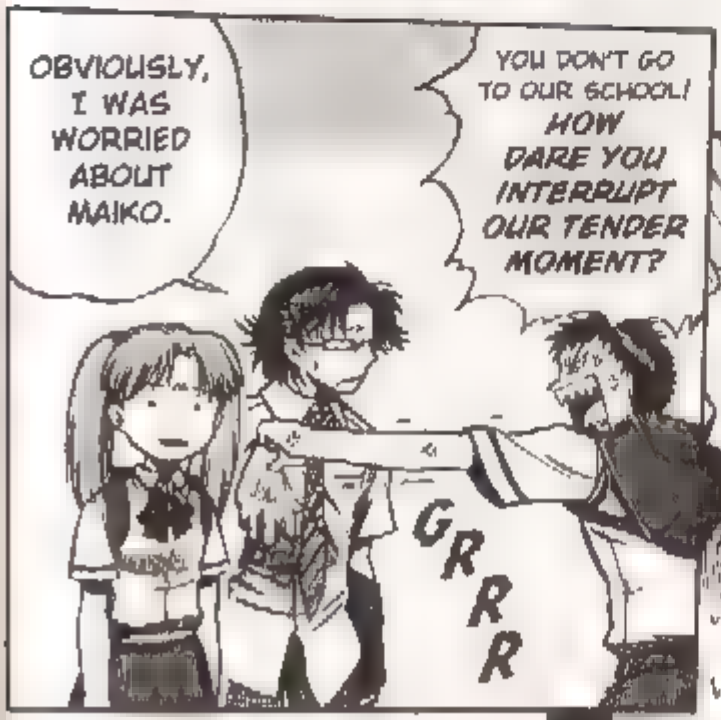




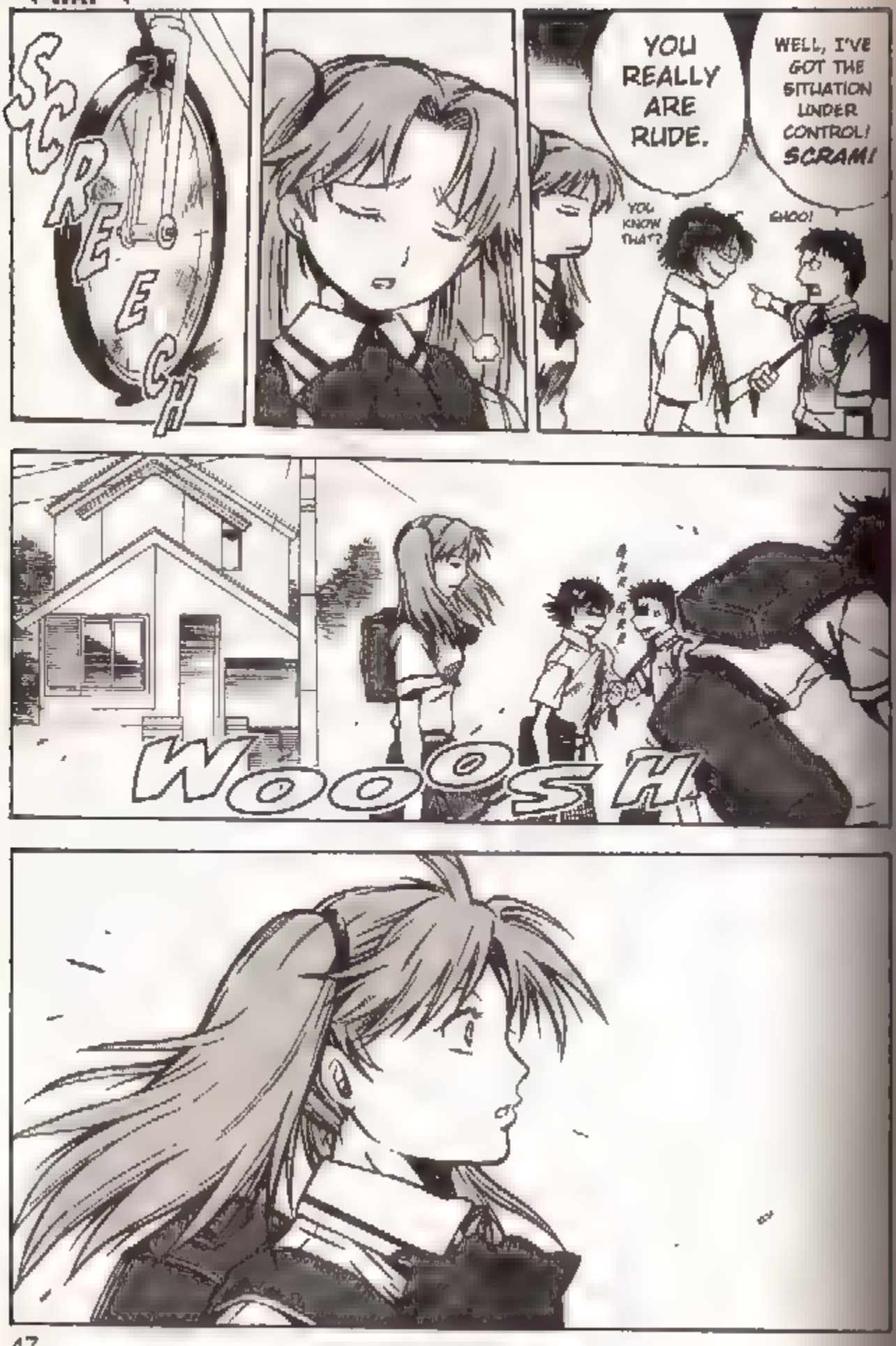


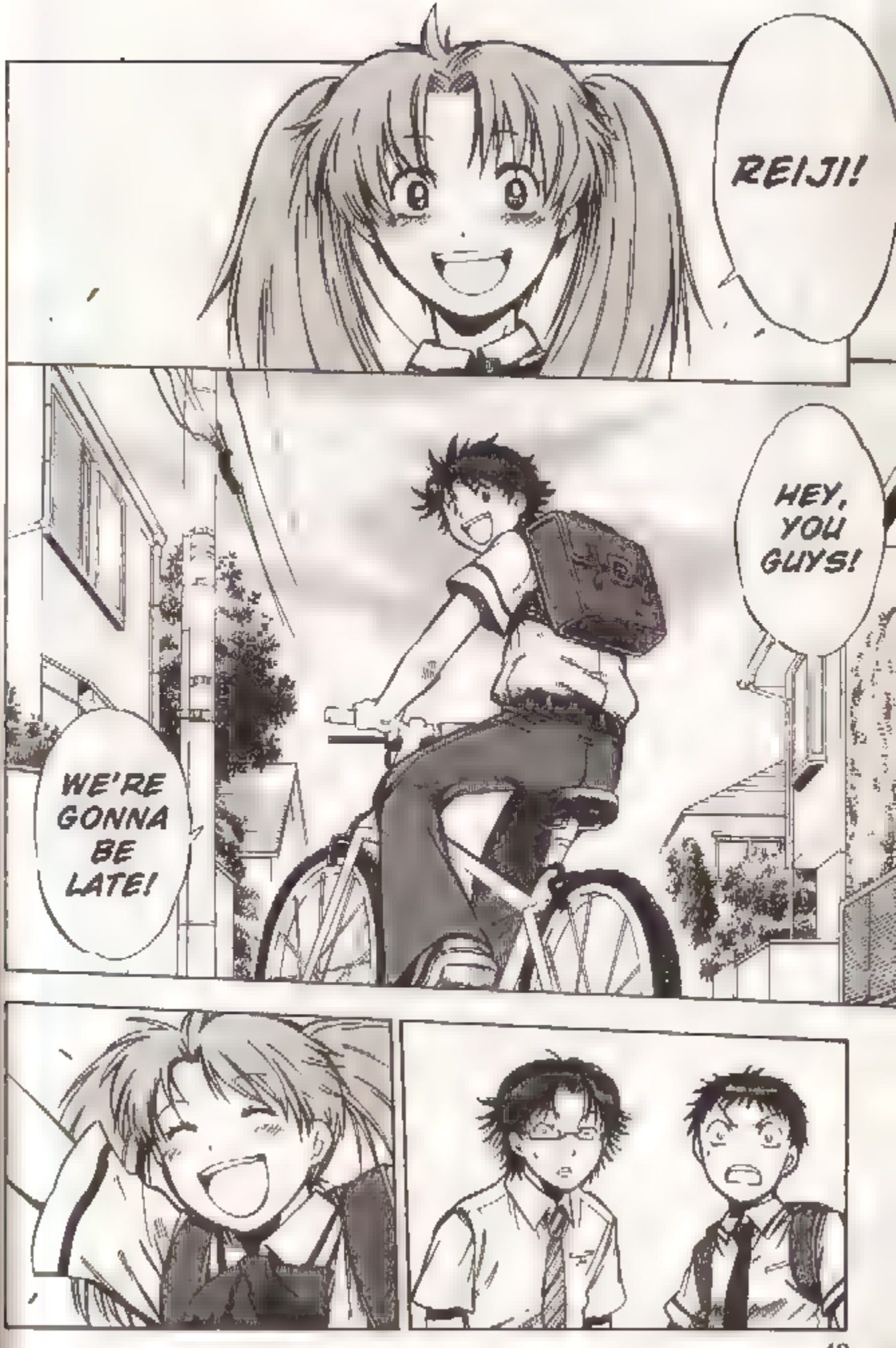

YEAH, BUT WHEN?
HE'LL COME BACK SOON.


YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT REIJ! AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?
SIGH

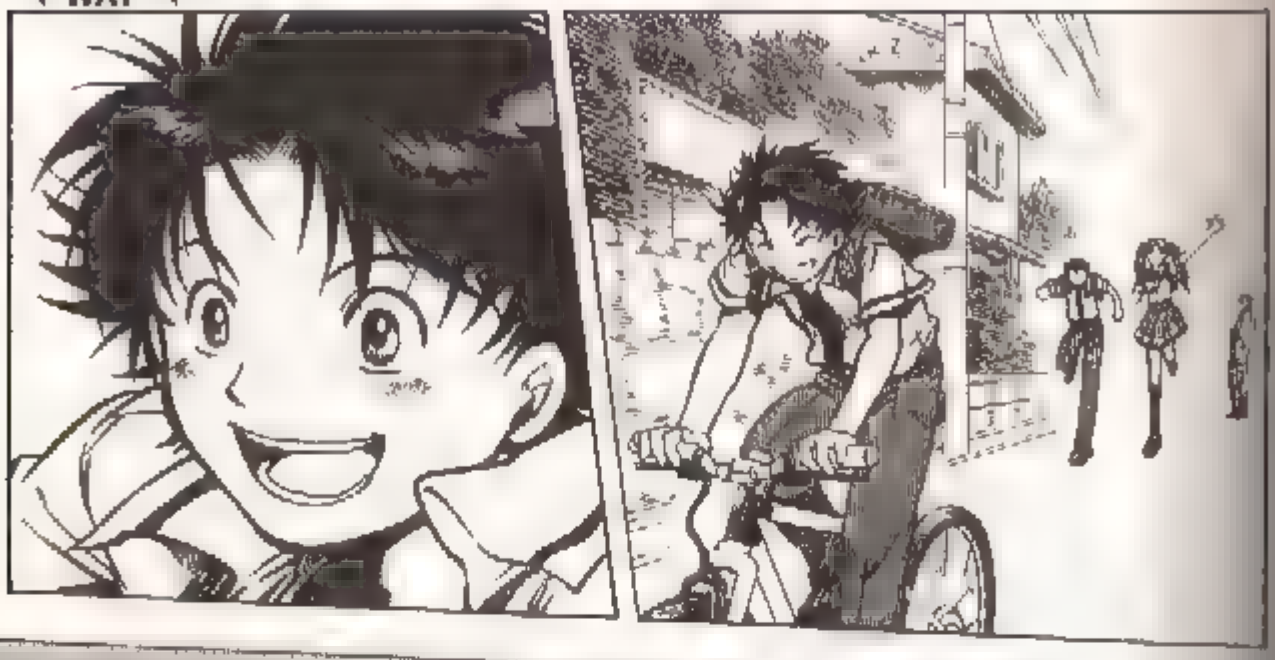

OBVIOUSLY, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT MAIKO.
YOU DON'T GO TO OUR SCHOOL! HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT OUR TENDER MOMENT?
GRRR

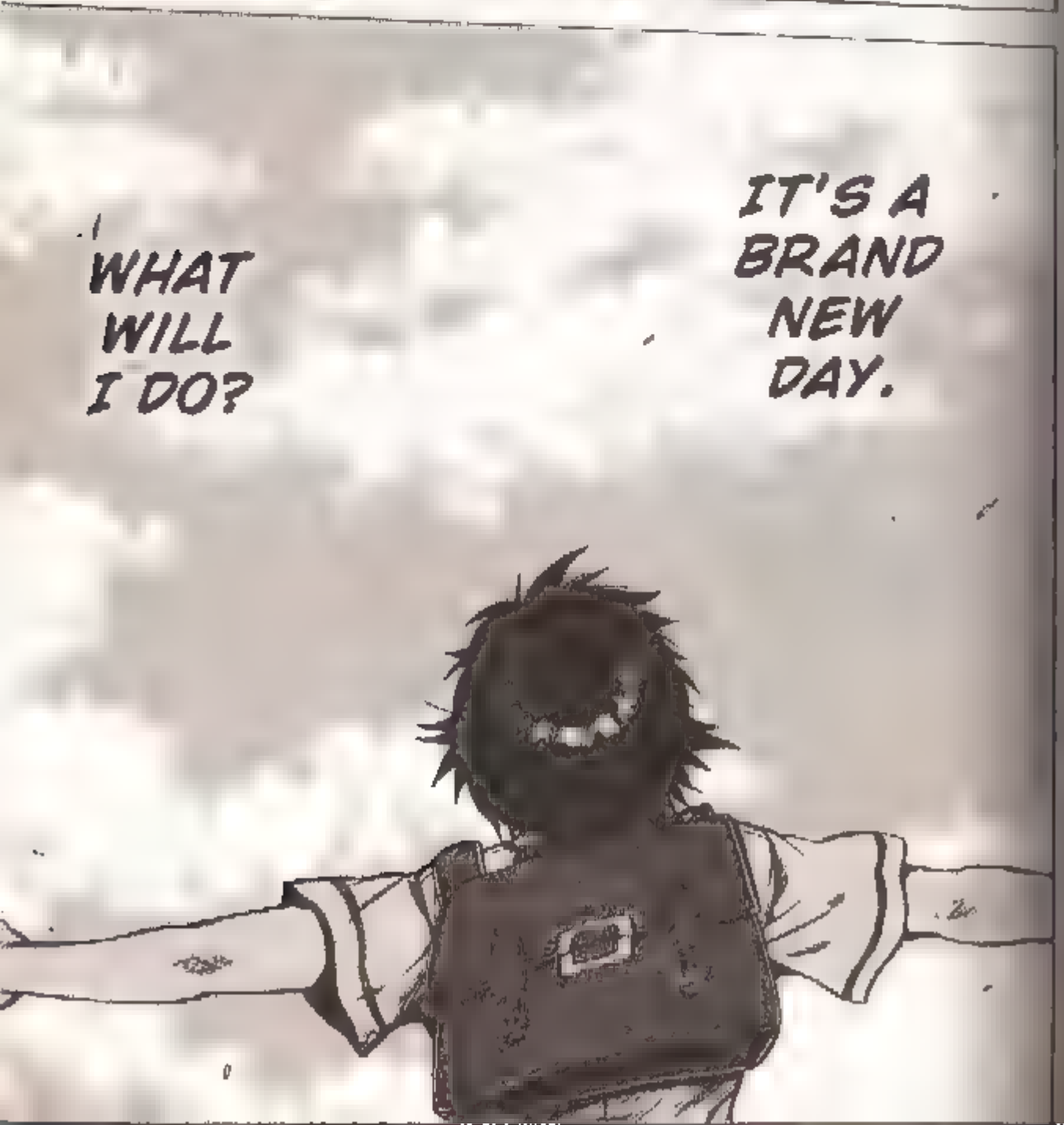

TAP
IT'S OKAY!
ICHIRO!
GOOD MORNING!
YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT ME!


SCREECH
YOU REALLY ARE RUDE.
WELL, I'VE GOT THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL! SCRAM!
YOU KNOW THAT?
GHOO!
WOOOSH

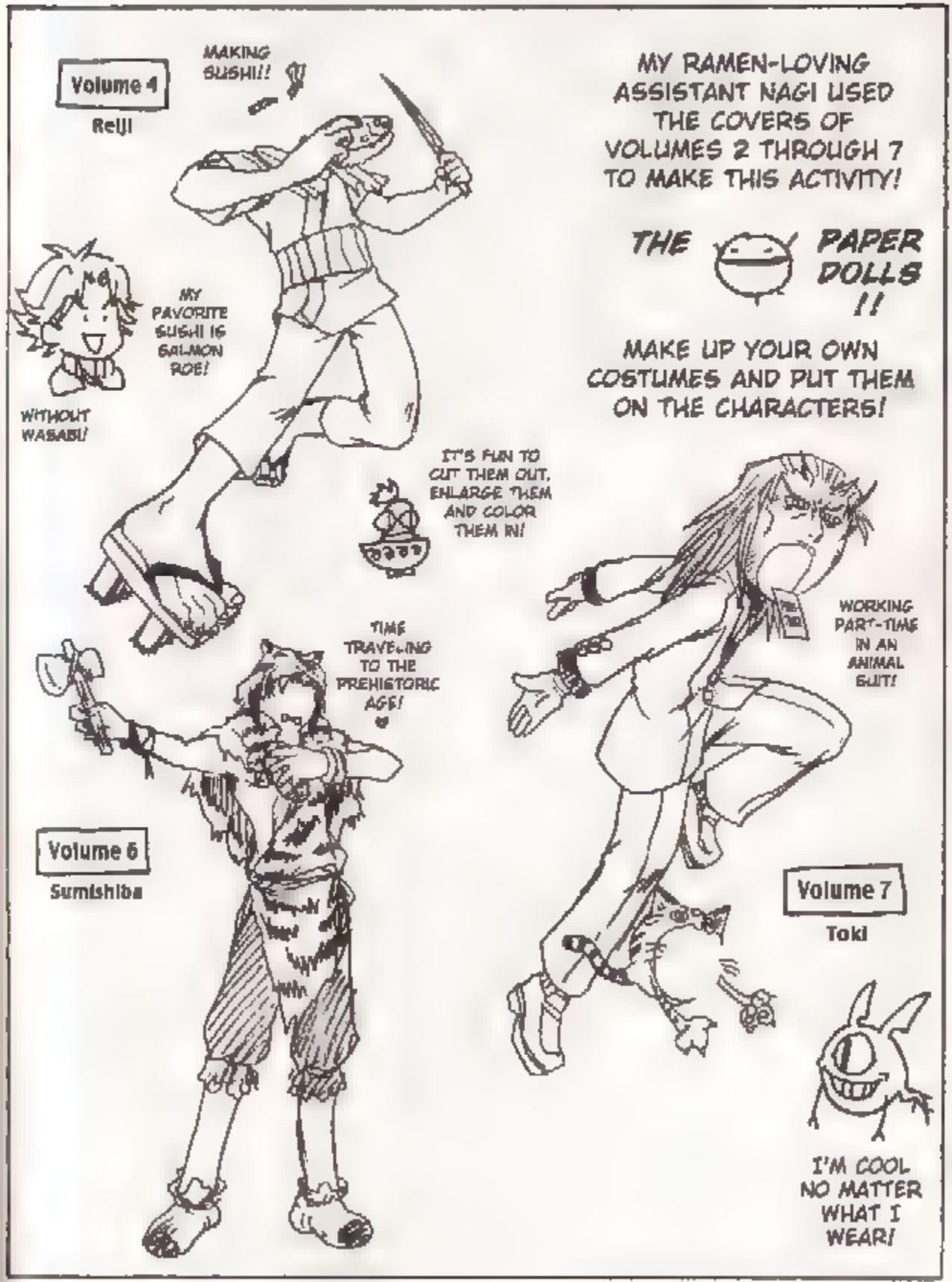

REIJI!
HEY, YOU GUYS!
WE'RE GONNA BE LATE!

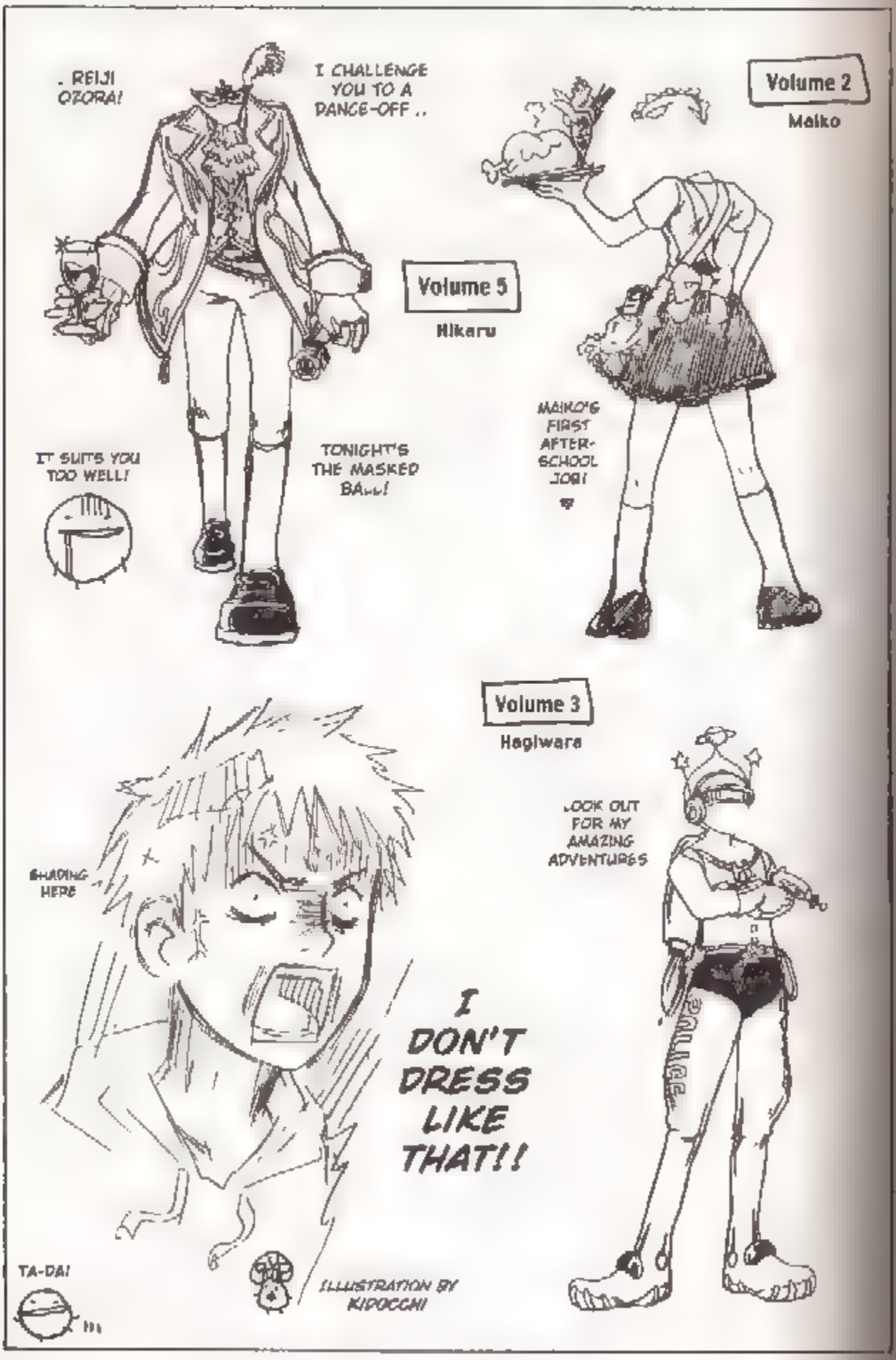
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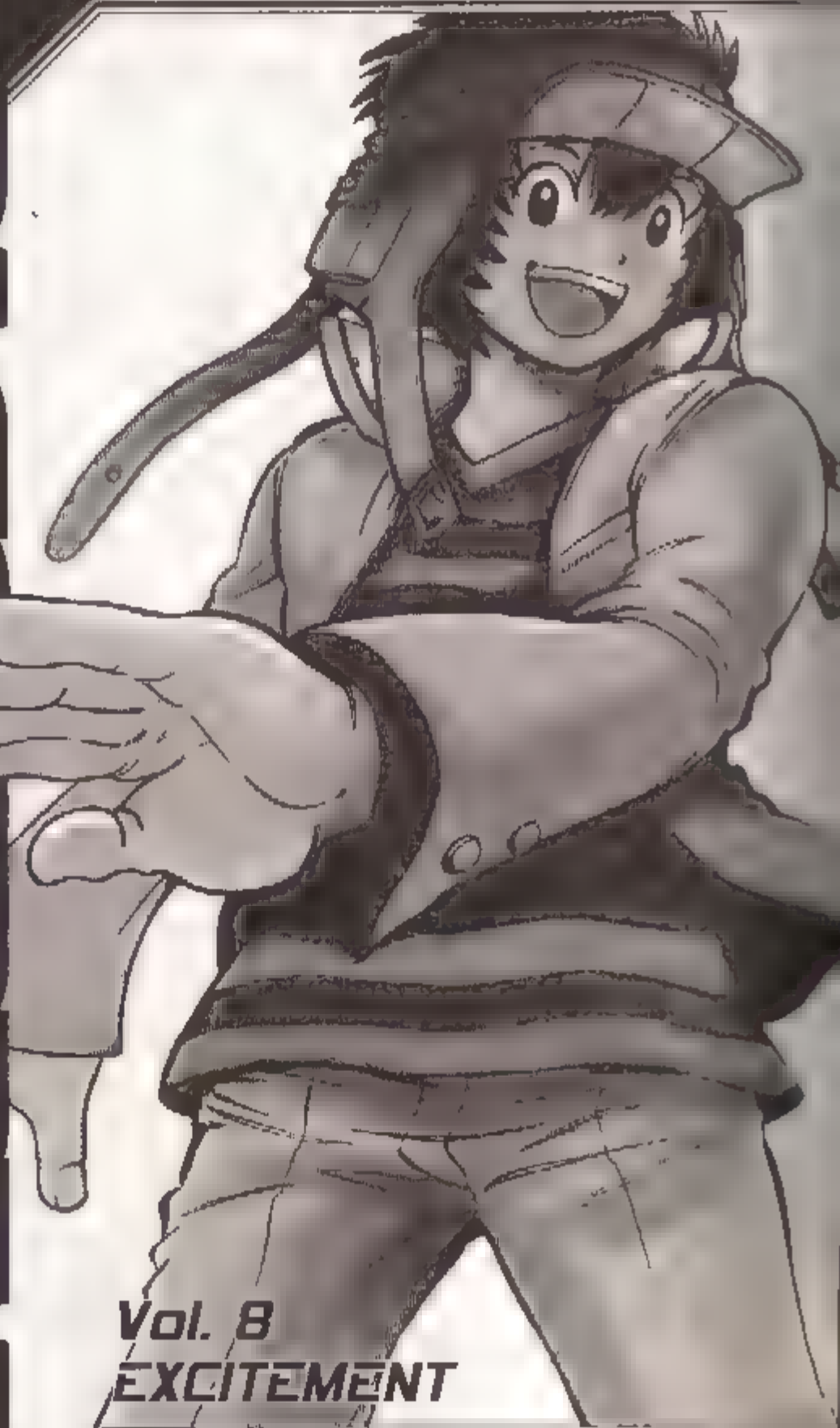


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Actually, it's no laughing matter.

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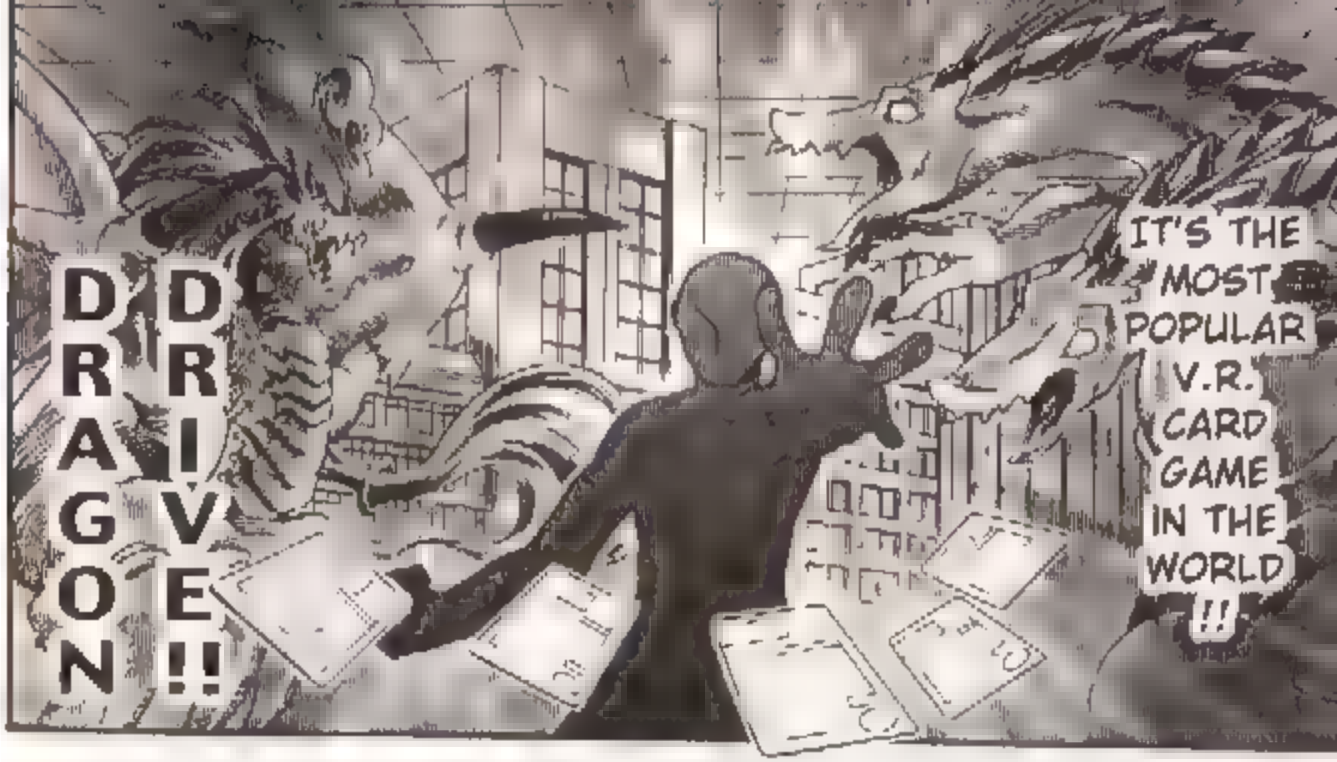
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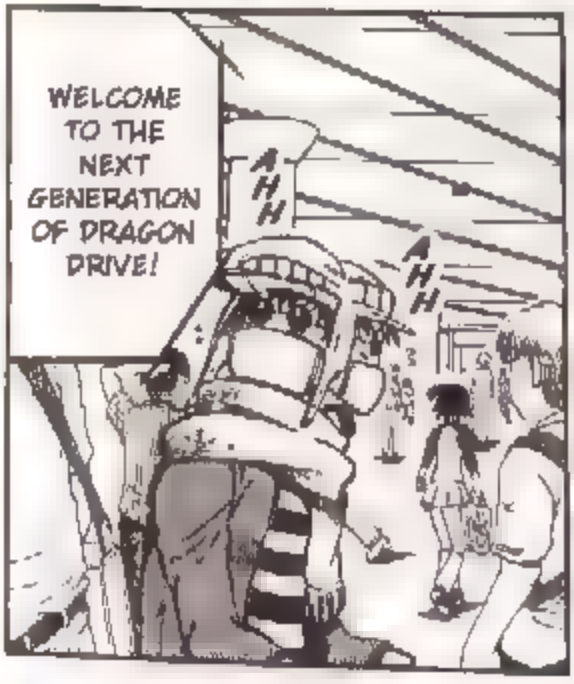
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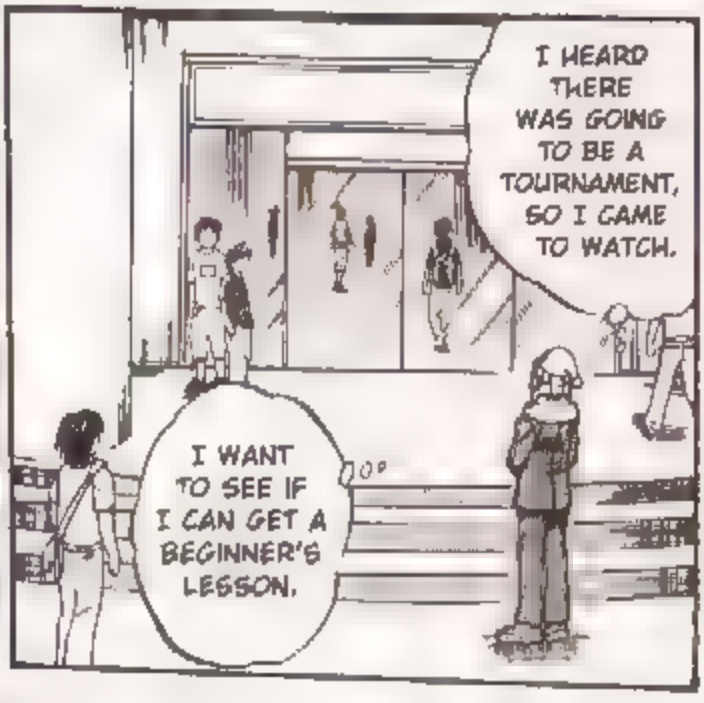
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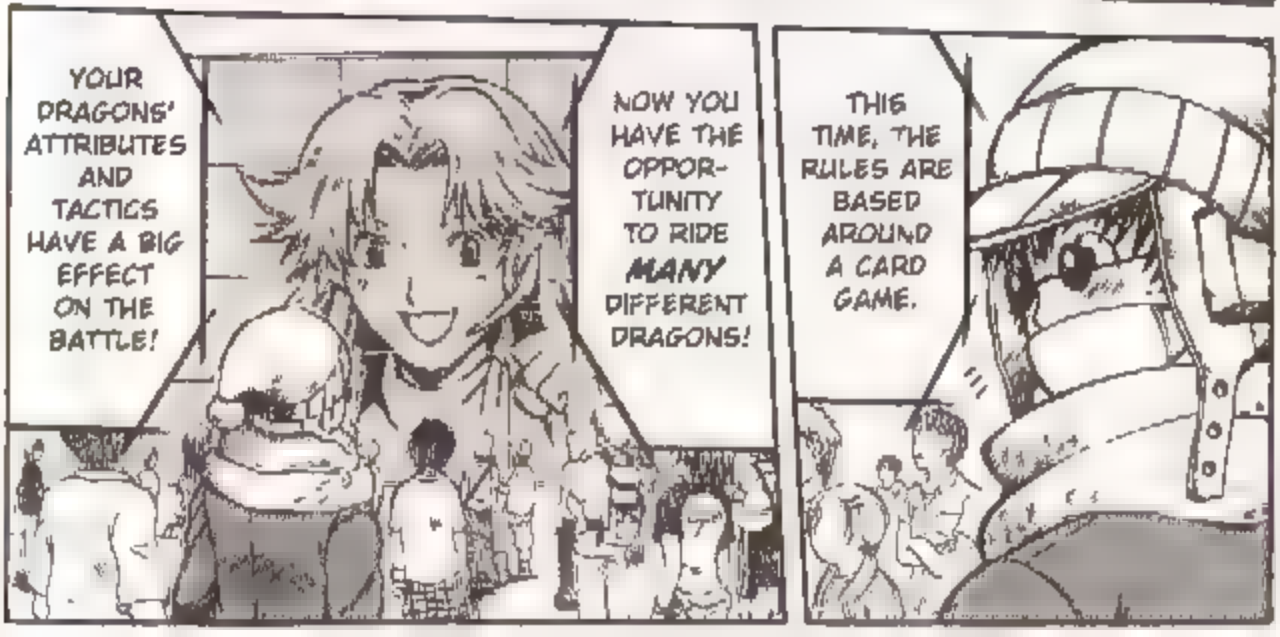
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...I'M SORRY.
SIS...
I WANT TO PLAY, TOO! I'VE GOT TO GET INTO THE GAME!!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M GOING TO BREAK A PROMISE TO YOU.
1st turn Excitement


DRAGON DRIVE!!
IT'S THE MOST POPULAR V.R. CARD GAME IN THE WORLD!!


WELCOME TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF DRAGON DRIVE!
AHH
AHH


I HEARD THERE WAS GOING TO BE A TOURNAMENT, SO I CAME TO WATCH.
I WANT TO SEE IF I CAN GET A BEGINNER'S LESSON.


YOUR DRAGONS' ATTRIBUTES AND TACTICS HAVE A BIG EFFECT ON THE BATTLE!
NOW YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE MANY DIFFERENT DRAGONS!
THIS TIME, THE RULES ARE BASED AROUND A CARD GAME.


READ THIS WAY
THE EXCITE-MENT IS REAL! GETTING WORKED UP YET?
JUST PICK YOUR DRAGON AND FLY FREELY AROUND THE CITY!!
...BUT THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN THAT!
BLAH
BLAH
IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW TO CHILL OUT...
YIKES!
YEAH!
ONCE IN A WHILE ...
...YOU NEED A LITTLE EXCITEMENT!

1st turn EXCITEMENT




IT CAME ALONG WITH THE SUDDEN THUNDER...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
KRAK
IT STARTED THREE DAYS AGO...
I'LL TAKE SHELTER HERE...
SPLOSH
THIS WASN'T IN THE WEATHER REPORT!
YEAH!
SO YOU LIKE DRAGON DRIVE, EH?
HEY!
DRAGON DRIVE CARDS! AWE-SOME!

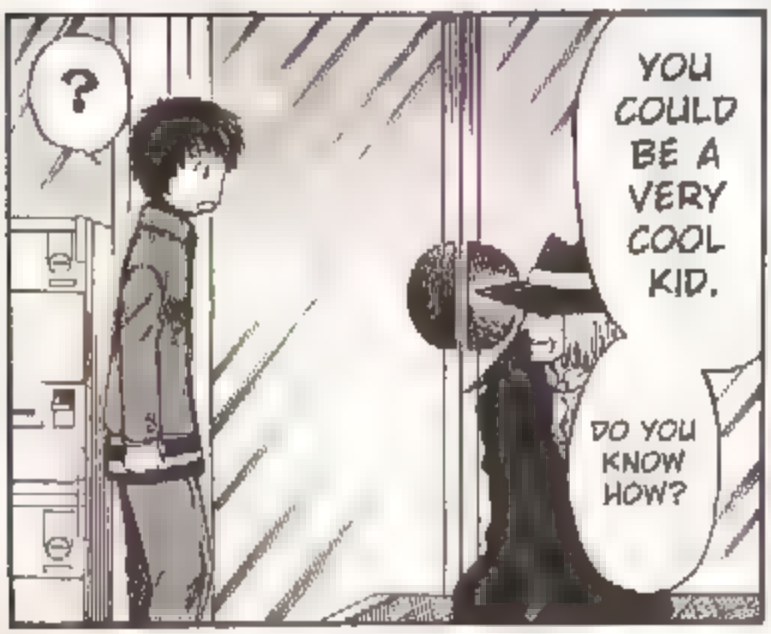

YEEK
WHERE'D ME COME FROM?
FWA SH
HUH?
I SEE.
I WAS GUIDED HERE BY THE THUNDER.
?
SH AAA


WHAT? YOUR SISTER FORBADE YOU TO PLAY DRAGON DRIVE?
YEAH. I'VE ONLY SEEN MY FRIENDS' CARDS. I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY PLAYED MYSELF.
YOU POOR THING.
WHEN I SEE EVERYBODY HAVING SO MUCH FUN...
...I WANT TO PLAY SO MUCH.
SIGH
YOU MUST BE BORED ALL THE TIME.
HUH?
IT STINKS THAT I CAN'T PLAY DRAGON DRIVE...
...BUT I'M NOT BORED.
I LIKE RAISING BONSAI TREES...
...AND NAPPING WITH MY CAT...
...AND HOLDING TEA CEREMONIES WITH GRANDMA...
IT SOUNDS VERY... REFINED.
YEAH, I HAVE LOTS OF FUN.


HEH... I LIKE TO CHILL OUT.
PEOPLE THINK I'M LOW-ENERGY, BUT IT'S MY QUALITY TIME.


BUT YOU CAN'T "CHILL OUT" ALL THE TIME.


HA HA HA HA! THAT'S FINE!
THAT KIND OF TIME IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT.

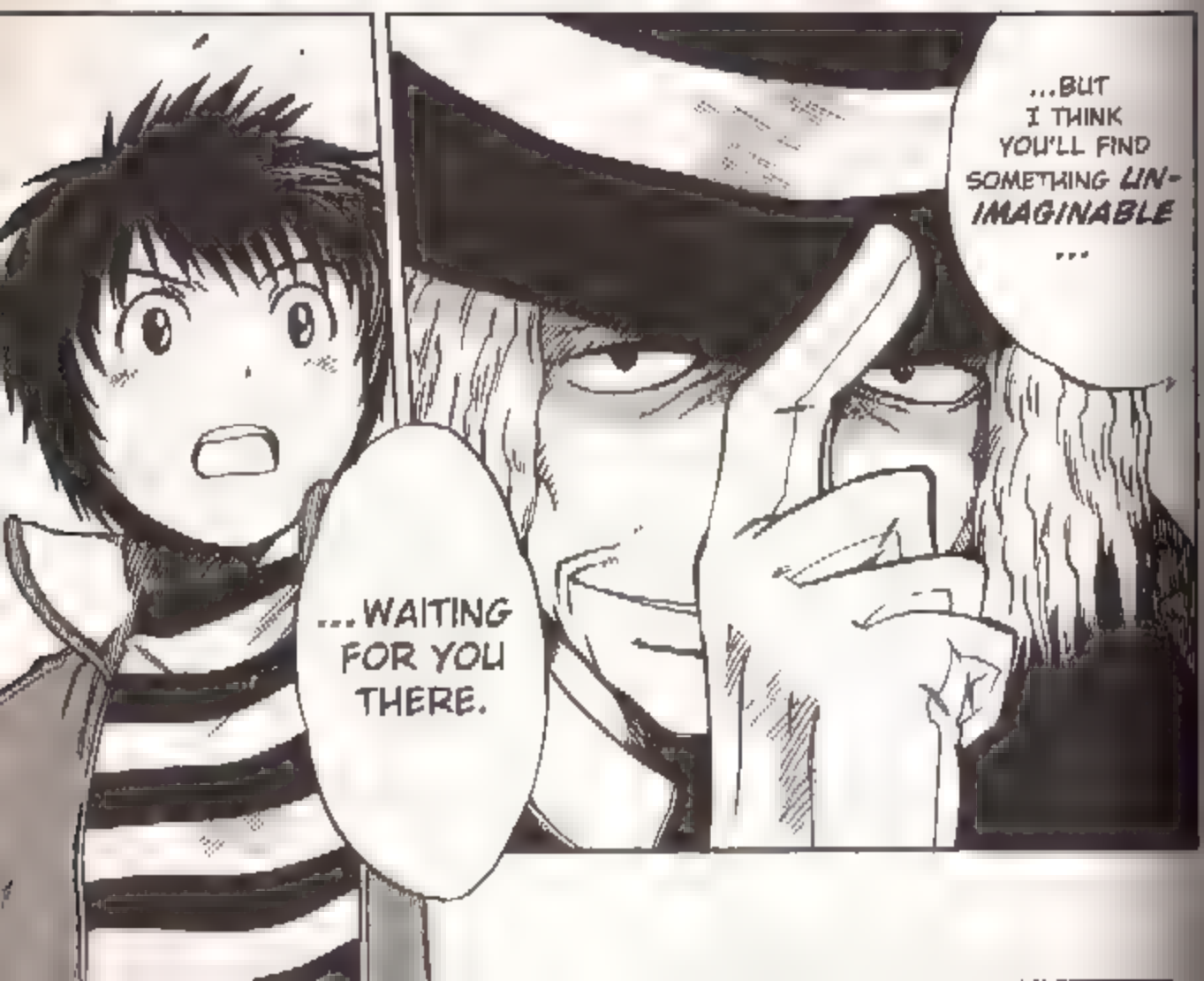

?
YOU COULD BE A VERY COOL KID.
DO YOU KNOW HOW?


GET THRILLS AND EXCITE-MENT.
BUT NOT WITH YOUR BODY OR MIND.
YOU NEED TO STIMULATE YOUR HEART.


DRAGON DRIVE CARDS !!
WOW... WOW!
HERE, HAVE THESE.


IF MY SISTER FOUND OUT...
I'M SORRY, MISTER, I CAN'T TAKE THEM.
EEK.
A KOMIIII


GO OR STAY, IT'S UP TO YOU ...
I HEAR THERE'S A TOURNAMENT THREE DAYS FROM NOW.


...BUT I THINK YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING UNIMAGINABLE ...
...WAITING FOR YOU THERE.


I...
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
UM...
ER...
HUH?
?
?
MISTER!
MISTER?
HEY.
THE RAIN STOPPED.


RAIKOO.
COOL...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HM...
LIGHT-NING
LV
HA!
BDMP
BDMP


MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING FOR ME HERE.
TMP TMP TMP
IT'S JUST LIKE THE OLD GUY SAID.
SO I CAME HERE IN SECRET.
NO! UM... GORO! I'M GORO MATSU!
THAT'S THE NAME OF MY BONSAI TREE...
TA ...
BDMP BDMP
LOOKS SUSPICIOUS
YOUR NAME, PLEASE?
ARE YOU HERE FOR THE BEGINNER'S COURSE?
CLERK
GRAAH
THAT'S WHY I'VE DONNED THIS IMPENE-TRABLE DISGUISE.
GORO MATSU? OKAY... HAVE A NICE DAY.
HE'S LYING.
WHEW


GOT THAT? I MEAN IT!!
DON'T PLAY THAT DRAGON DRIVE GAME!
BUT WHAT'S HER PROBLEM, ANYWAY?
CHECK IT OUT!!
TROMP TROMP
HURRY !! TO THE MATCH !!
!
YEAH
ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE! ARE YOU READY?
YAAAAAY
BREAK!
WHO WILL MAKE IT THROUGH TO THE FINAL?
WOW!
WHOA!

KOTO IS USING THE RAY BLIZZARD TECHNIQUE!! CAN HE PULL OFF THE GOREIGON?

HE'S GOING FOR A *CRUSHING* COUNTER-ATTACK!

DON'T RUN! STAND AND FIGHT!!

IT'S IGUCHI'S TURN! HE'S MATERIALIZED A LEVEL 3 MAGUKUROA!!

HE'LL NEVER WIN WITH *THAT* DECK!!

WOW! HE GOT A COMBO!!

Agent L


I'M GONNA PLAY, TOO!!!
THAT'S IT!
YAAY
YAAY
SIGH...
SO WHERE'S THE BEGINNERS' ROOM?
ZOOOM
TOILET
TOILET
TOILET...
OWW!
STARE
ZOOM
SORRY!
SPLAT
UGH ...


A BADGE?
SHING
YOU'VE GOT A COMPETITOR'S BADGE.
HEY, YOU THERE!
?
?
WOBBLE
DRAG
HURRY! WE'RE ABOUT TO START!
CLOP
OKAY, GIVE IT YOUR BEST!
SHOVE
ER...

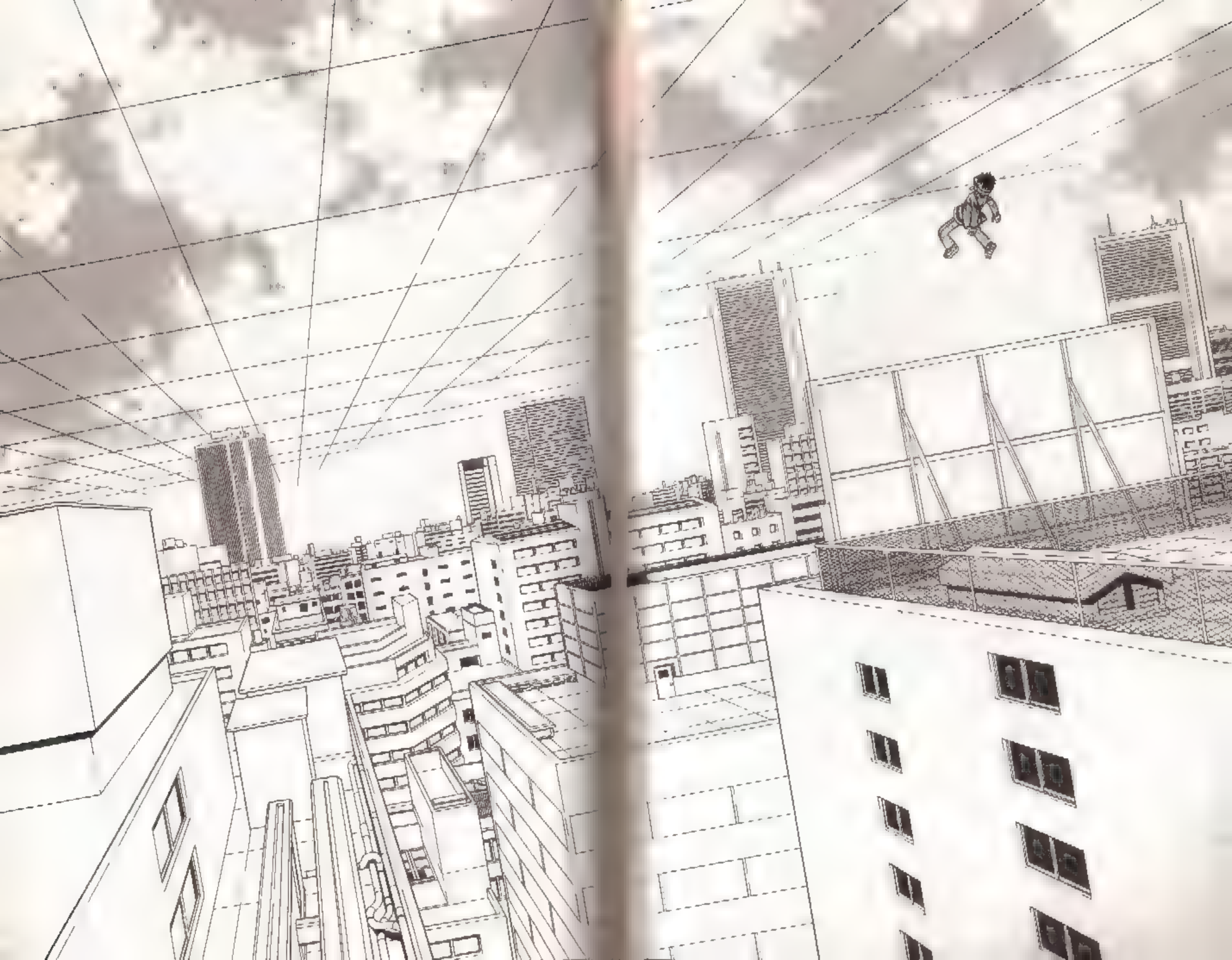

THWOCK?
THWOCK
OWW-WIE!
BRR
BRR
OOPS! I'M SORRY!
OWWWWF
AH, YOU FINALLY ARRIVED.
FWWWP!
OOF!


ER, WHERE AM I?
TA... ER... GORO MATSU!
AND YOUR NAME IS...?
WHAT KEPT YOU? WE'VE BEEN WAITING
I'M KENJI KOTO, AND I'M YOUR DOOM. DON'T YOU FORGET IT!
I'LL REMEMBER THAT NAME.
... MA-TSU.
GORO ...
WHIRRRR
OKAY, TIME TO START THE FINAL MATCH!
SOUNDS LIKE SOME-ONE'S GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT!
FINAL?
WAIT!
HEY! STOP!
WAIT!


YA-A-A-Y
AT LAST, THE FINAL MATCH OF THE DRAGON DRIVE WEST TOKYO DISTRICT TOURNA-MENT!!
COME ON! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LOAD YOUR DECK!
HERE, I'LL DO IT
BEEP
FINAL ...
BEEP
KILL!
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY!! I...
ERRRRK

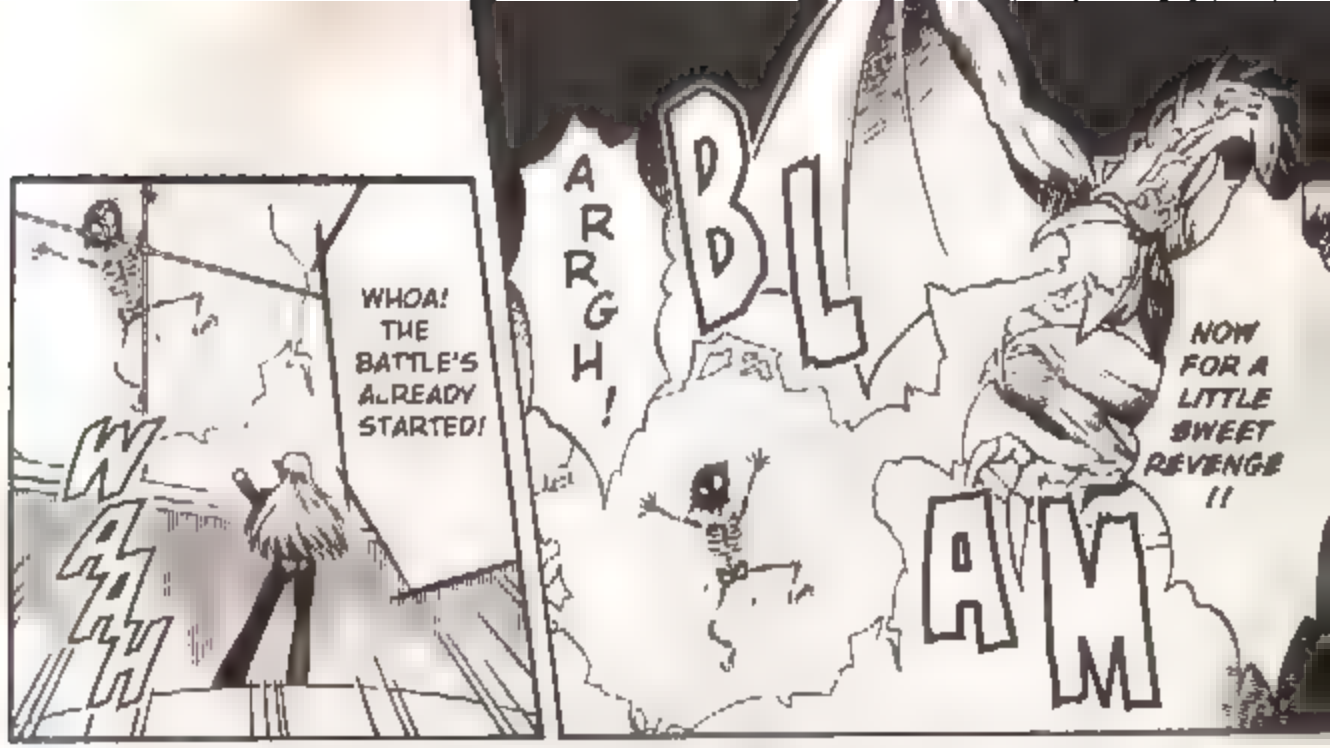


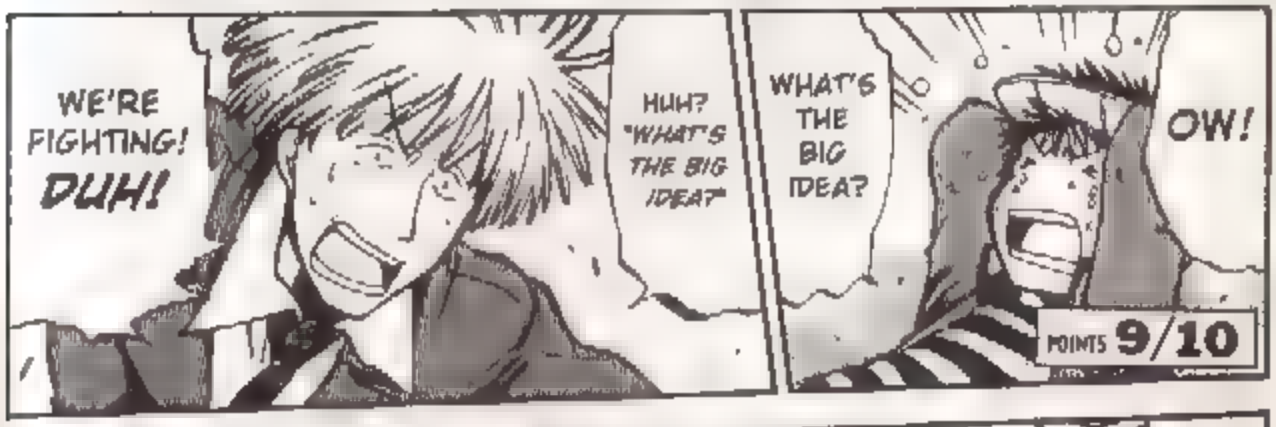
...KNOW THE RULES...




GRAB
I MUST BE...
...IN THE GAME!
WHAT AM I...
SUPPOSED TO DO?
THIS IS NO TIME TO STAND AROUND GAWKING!
HUH?


KRUNCH
FOUND YOU, GORO MATSU !!
WIND
HISHAGUREBEKKO
LV 1
AP 1600
PWR 1


WHOA! THE BATTLE'S ALREADY STARTED!
WAIIII
ARRGH!
BL
AM
NOW FOR A LITTLE SWEET REVENGE !!


WE'RE FIGHTING! DUH!
HUH? "WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?"
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
OW!
POINTS 9/10

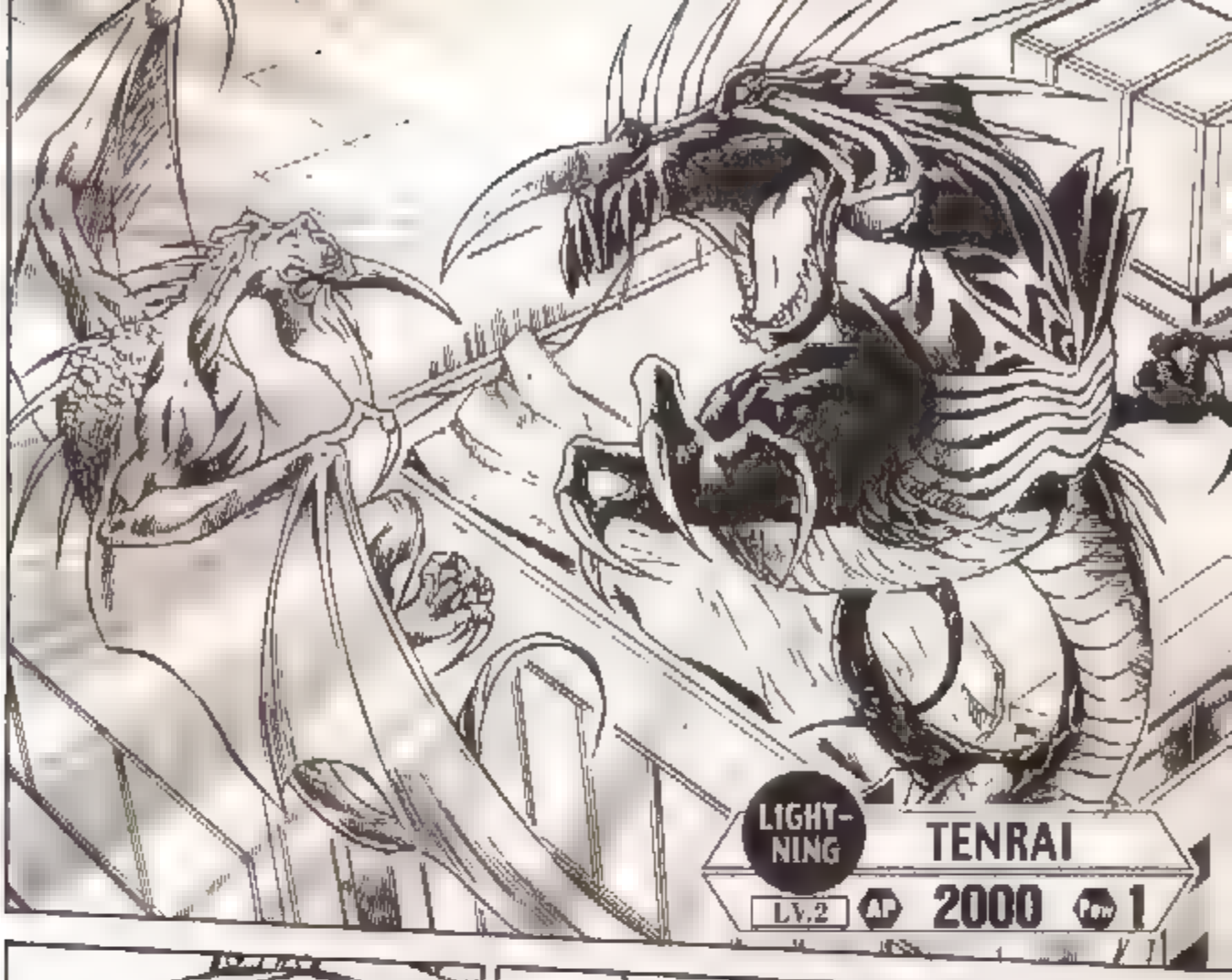

ARRGH!
KABOOM
HURRGH !!
POINTS 8/10

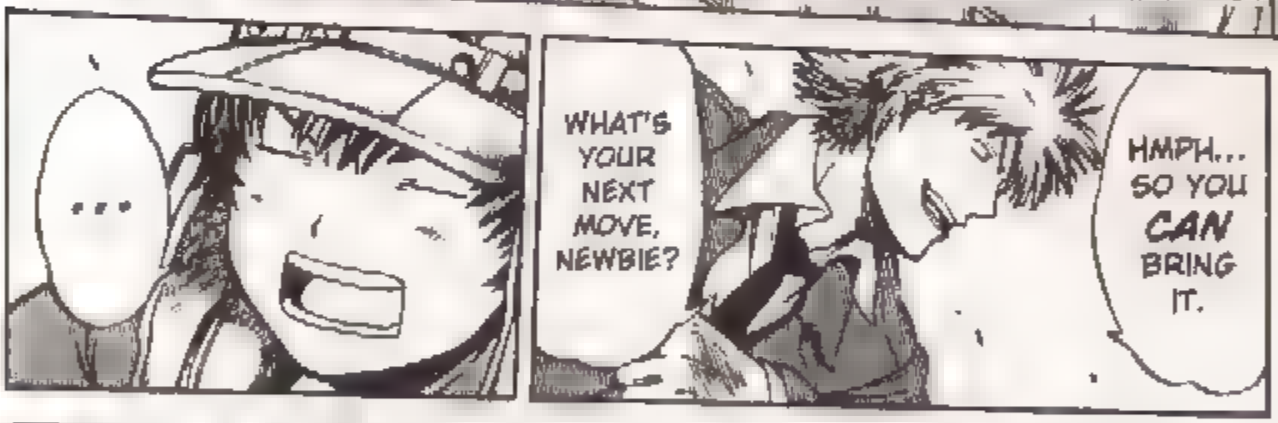

HURRY UP AND MATERIALIZE A DRAGON, ALREADY!
YOU'RE NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY !!

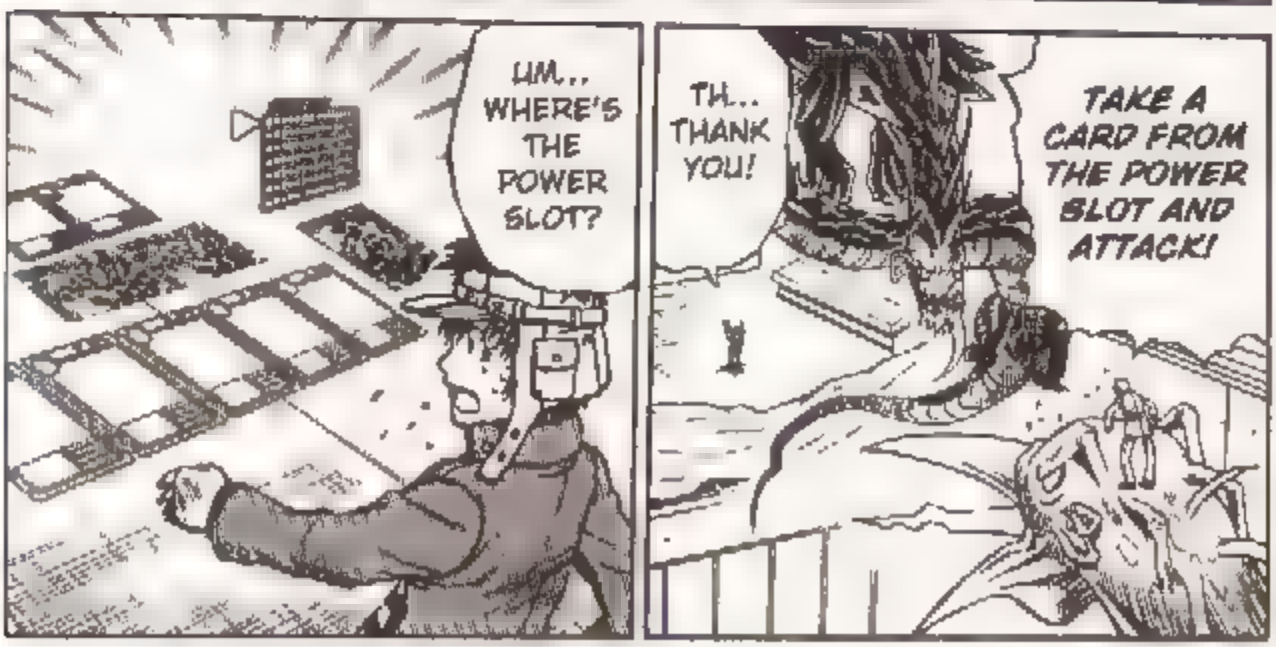

IS YOUR FINALIST BADGE JUST FOR DECORATION?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
UM...
FZZ
FZZ
MATERIAL-IZE?
SKWAAK
YOU FOUND IT?
YOU MEAN THIS? I JUST FOUND IT...
MY STOMACH HURTS
W.C
UHHH...
THE FINALIST
SO WHERE'S THE REAL FINALIST?
IS HE FOR REAL? TALK ABOUT A LUCKY FIND!
FLAME
HP 1100
LV.1
LEVEL 1...GOT IT!!
UM...
MA-TERIAL-IZE..
MA-TERIAL-IZE...
MA... MATERIA-LIZE!
BA
M
FIRST, TAKE A LEVEL 1 DRAGON OUT OF YOUR DECK.
AW, MAN...

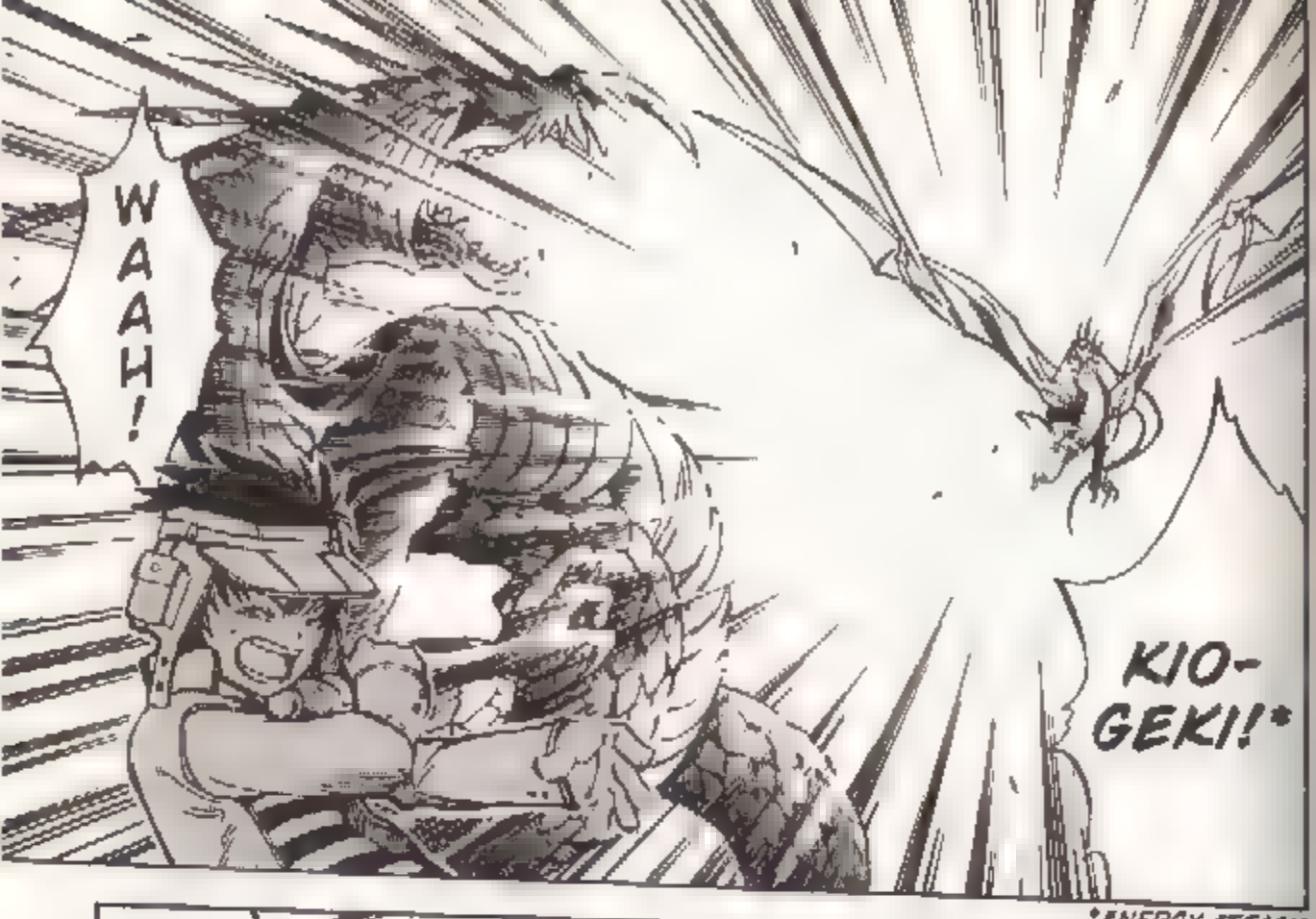

A DOG?
SHWP
FLAME
CHIWAWAN
LV.1
AP 1700
POW 0
SO... CUTE..
AWWW
CHI-WAWAN: K.O.!!
KABOOM
YEEK
Points 7/10


HE HAS 7 POINTS LEFT!
GORO MATSU HAS LOST 3 LIFE POINTS ALREADY!
OKAY... EVERY TIME I TAKE A HIT, I LOSE POINTS.
WEAK SAUCE! WHAT WAS THAT?
HA HA HA HA HA!
I'VE GOTTA MATERIALIZE ANOTHER DRAGON!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
KRAK KRAK KRAK
HWP
OKAY...
LET'S TRY THIS ONE!

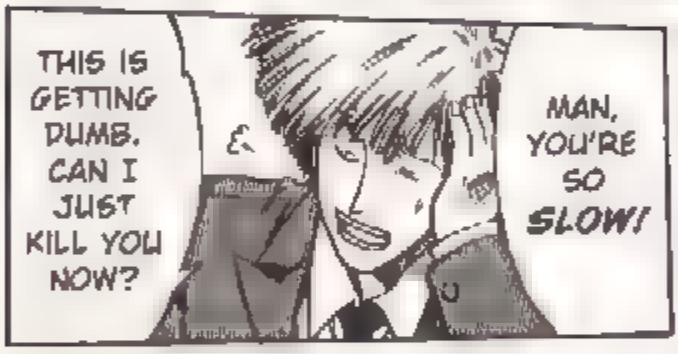

LIGHT-NING
TENRAI
LV.2
AP 2000
DP 1

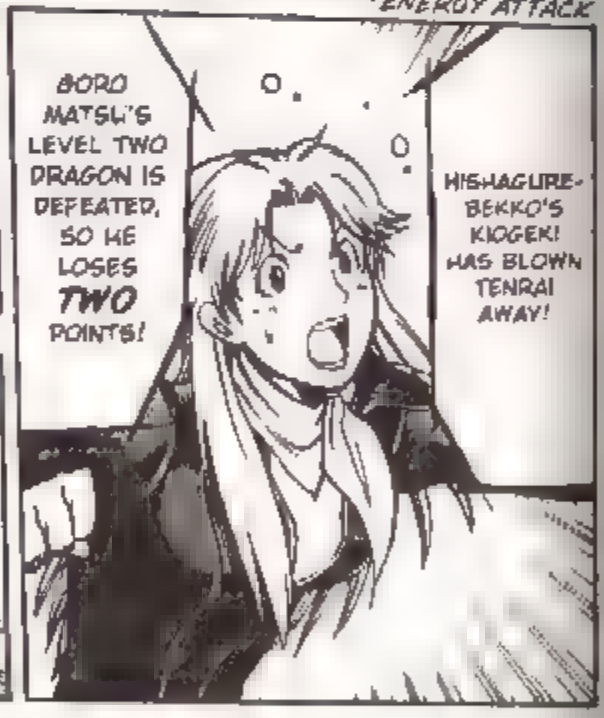

...
WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE, NEWBIE?
HMPH... SO YOU CAN BRING IT.

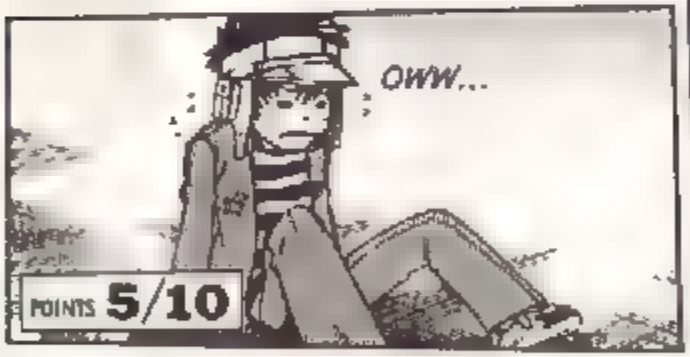

UM... WHERE'S THE POWER SLOT?
TH... THANK YOU!
TAKE A CARD FROM THE POWER SLOT AND ATTACK!

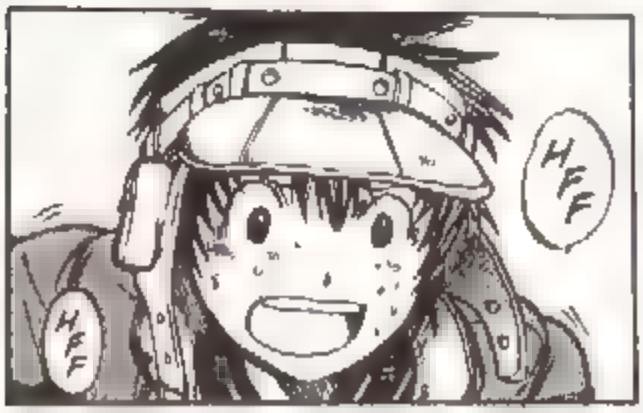


*ENERGY ATTACK

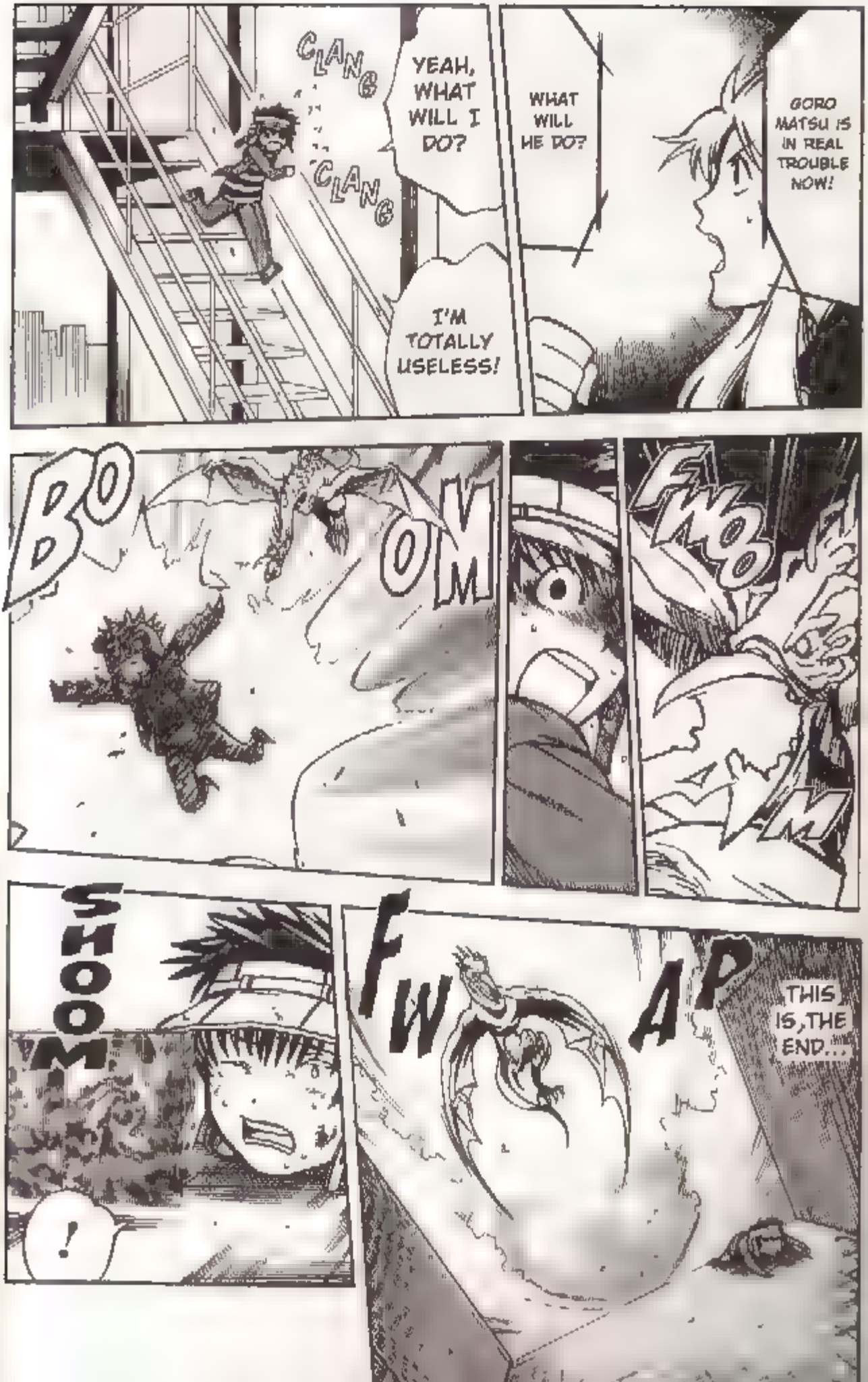




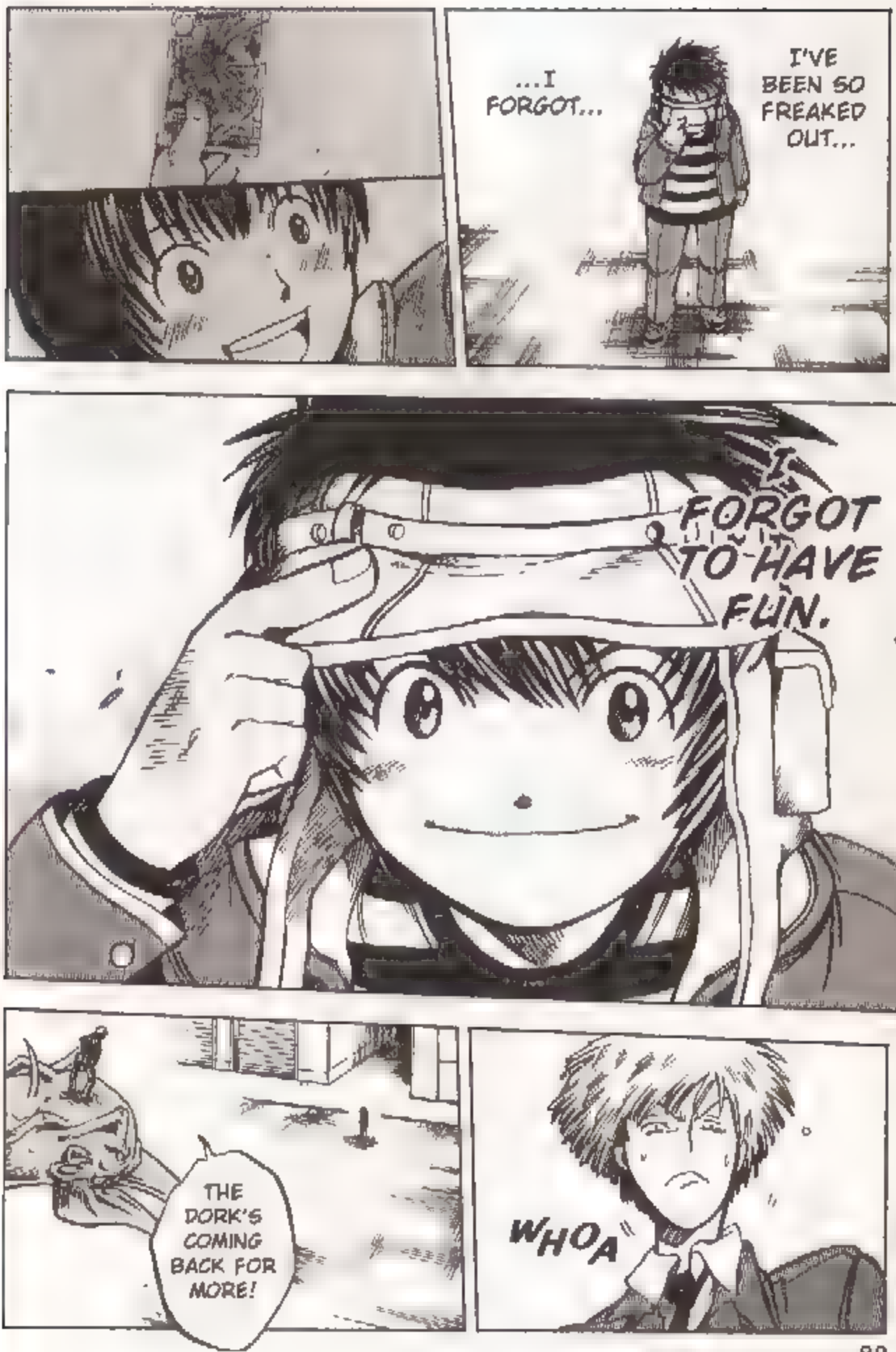


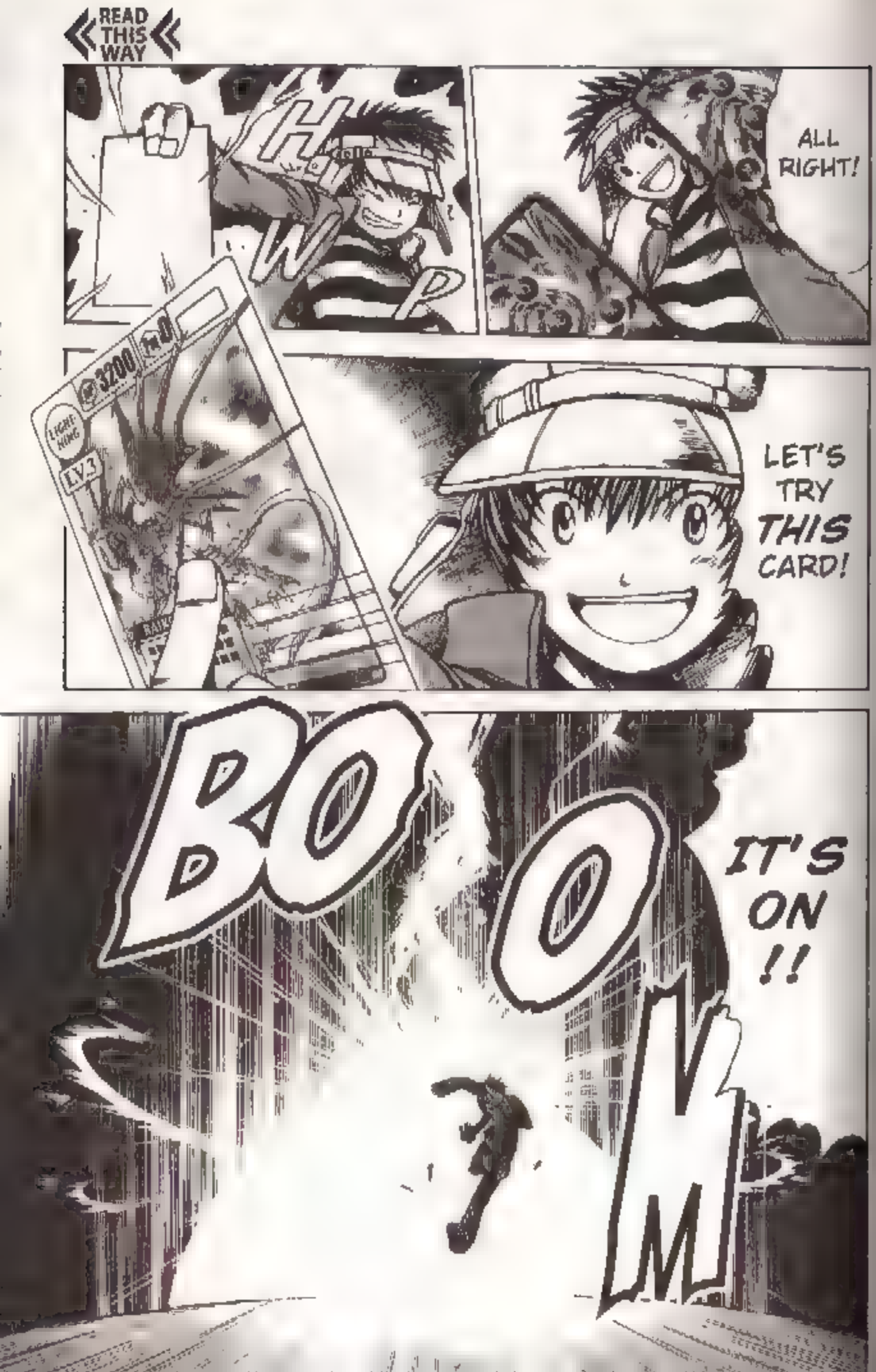





CLANG
CLANG
YEAH, WHAT WILL I DO?
I'M TOTALLY USELESS!
WHAT WILL HE DO?
GORO MATSU IS IN REAL TROUBLE NOW!
BOOM
FWOOM
SWOOM
!
FWAP
THIS IS THE END...


READ THIS WAY
LIGHT-NING
LV 3
HAIKOO
...WAITING FOR YOU THERE.
I THINK YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING UNIMAGINABLE ...
...YOU NEED A LITTLE EXCITE-MENT!
ONCE IN A WHILE...
HEY... YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT!


...I FORGOT...
I'VE BEEN SO FREAKED OUT...
I FORGOT TO HAVE FUN.
THE DORK'S COMING BACK FOR MORE!
WHOA


READ THIS WAY
WHOOP
ALL RIGHT!
ATK 3200
DEF 0
LIGHT-ATTRIBUTE
LV.3
LET'S TRY THIS CARD!
BOOM
IT'S ON !!


WHOA...
WH... WHAT ...
...TO THAT?
WHO ...
WHO... ARE YOU?


I'M TA-KUMI!
TAKUMI YUKINO !!
I AM...
WHO AM I?
I CAN'T REMEMBER... WHAT'S MY NAME?
RAI-KOO!
IT'S ON THE CARD!
LET'S PLAY, RAI-KOO!
YOU READY?
YES!
MY NAME ...
BDM P

LIGHT-NING RAIKOO
LV.3 AP 3200 PWR 0


YAAAY
WHAAAT?
I HAVE TO TAKE A CARD ...
...FROM THE POWER SLOT, RIGHT?
SWSH


KRAK
GO!
LIGHT-NING
LIGHT-NING

TWO

ERK!

WAAH

GORO MATSU COMES FROM BEHIND TO WIN !!

NO WAY!

SWOOSH

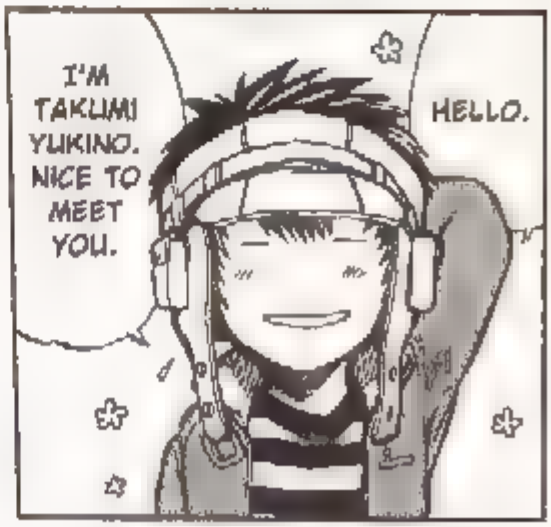
TWO

GOT HIM !!

KABOOM

YOU ARE...

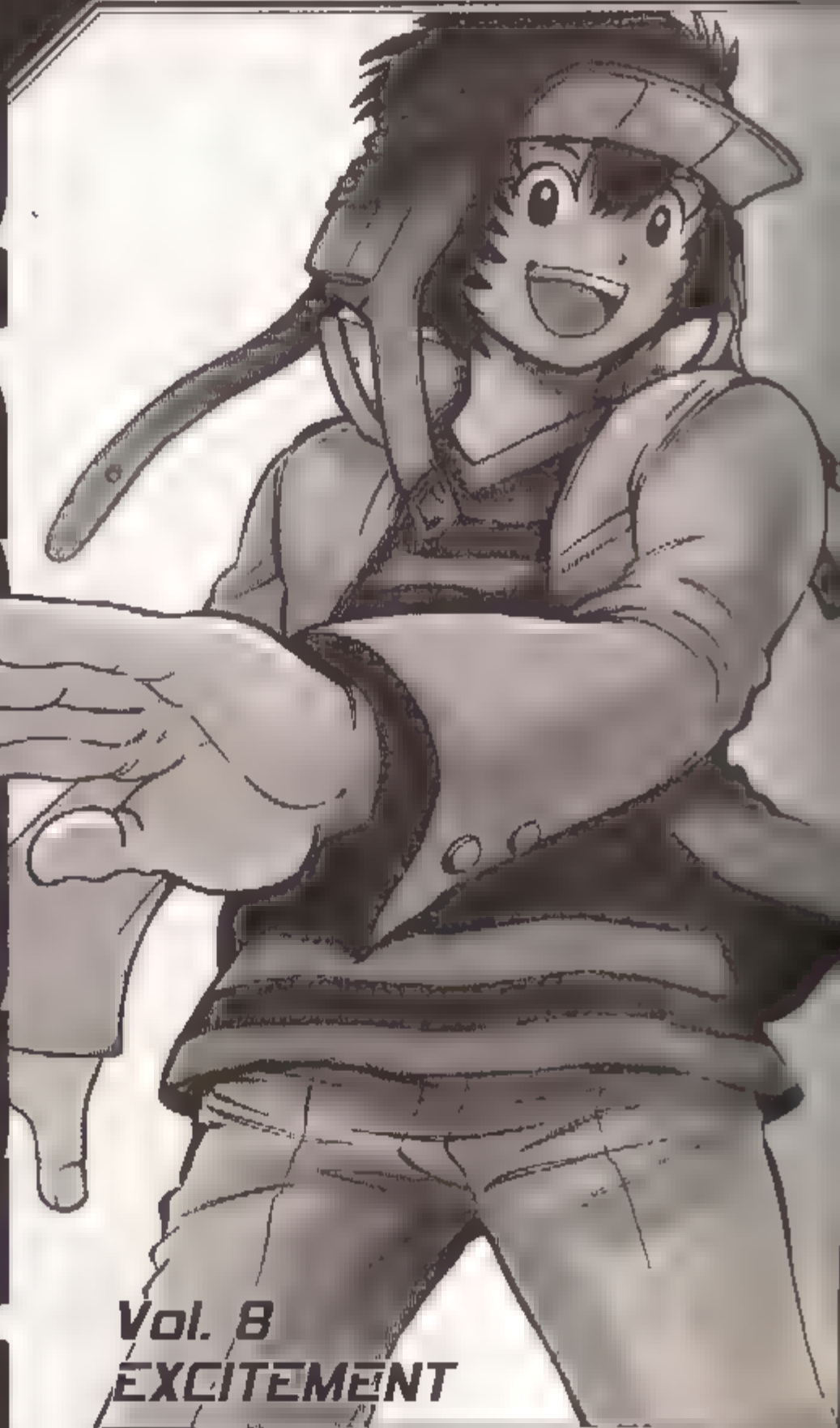
I SEE.


I'M TAKUMI YUKINO. NICE TO MEET YOU.
HELLO.


...IS ABOUT TO START!!
I GET THE FEELING THAT SOME-THING AMAZING ...
YAAY
YAAY

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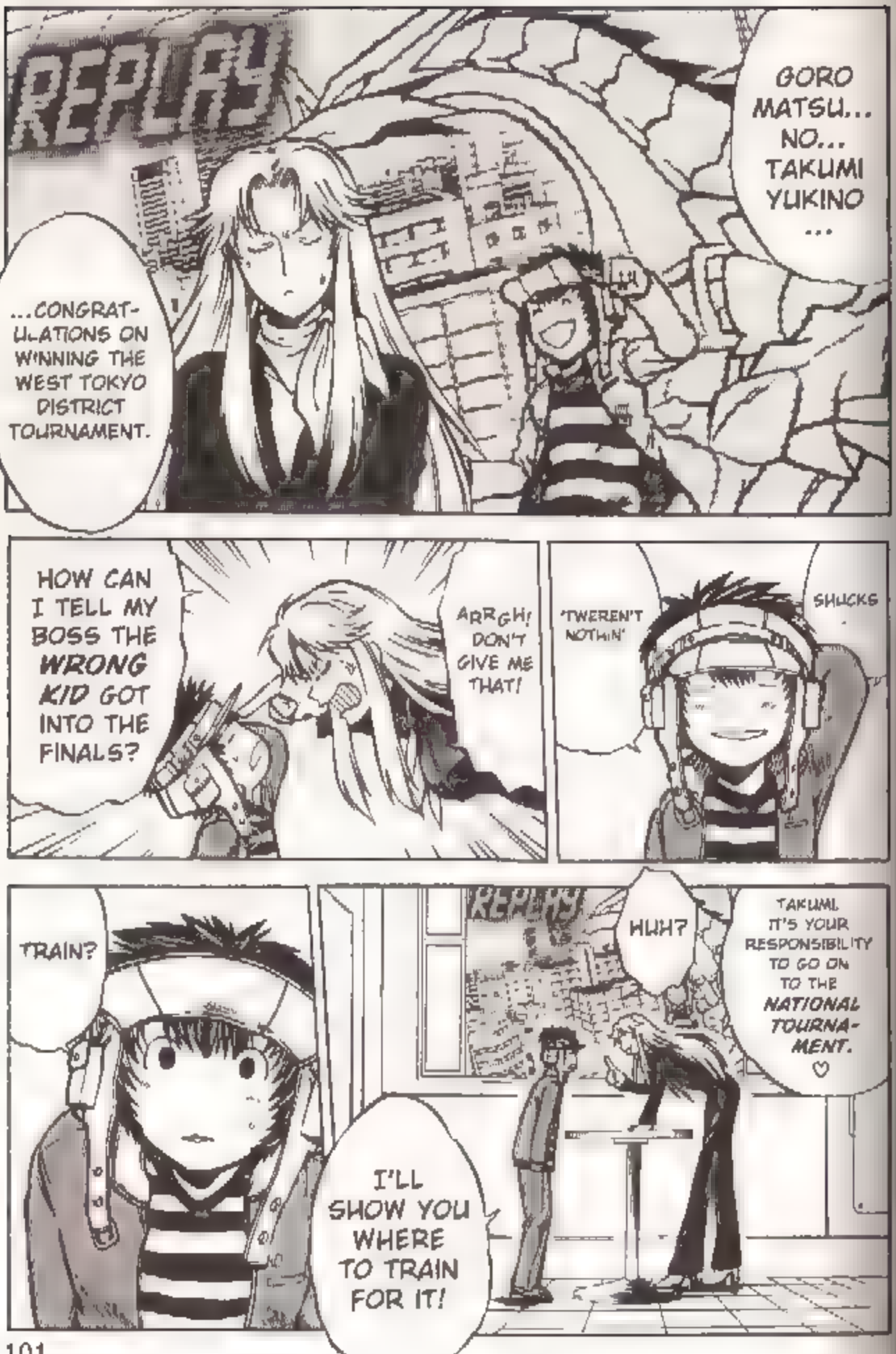
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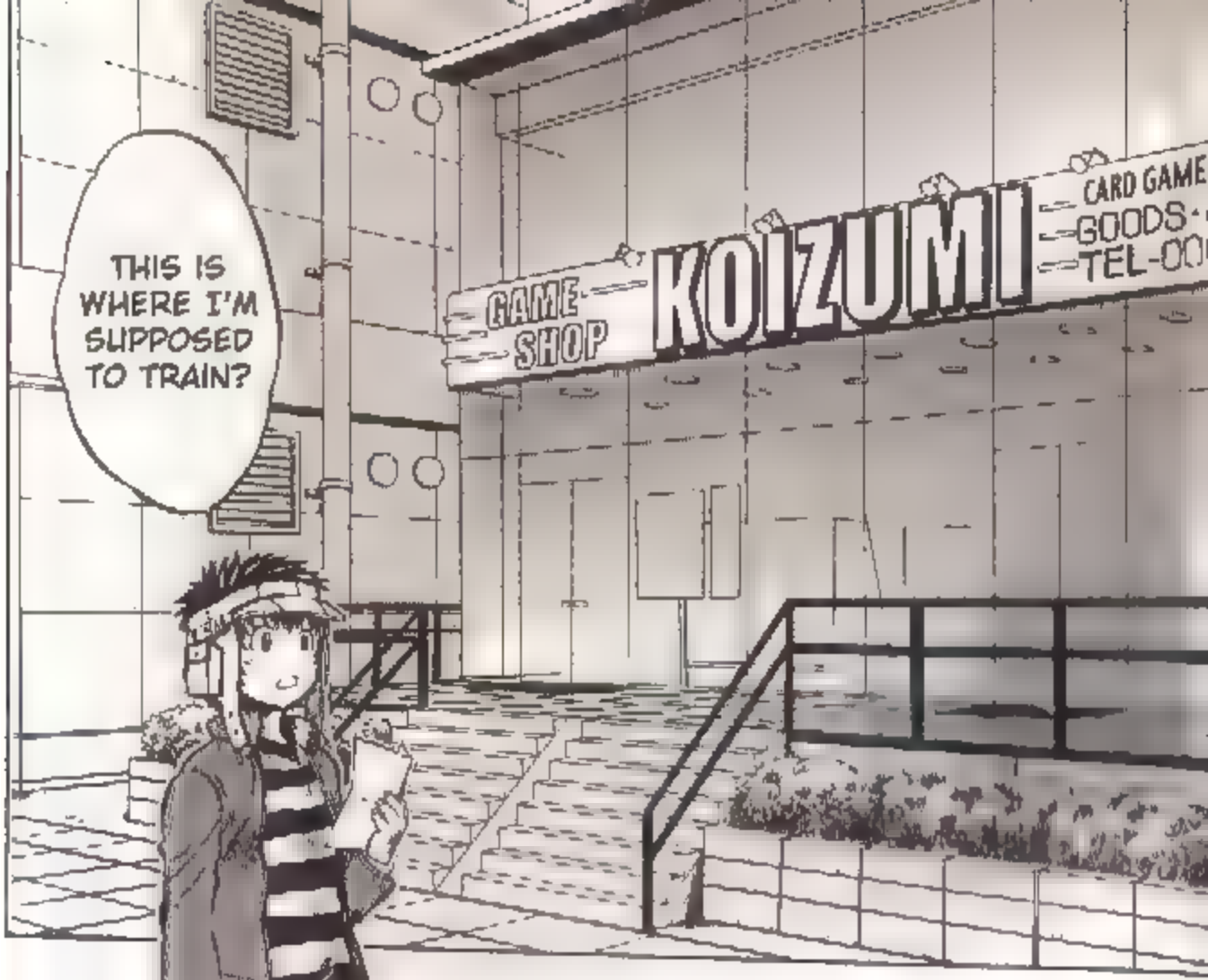
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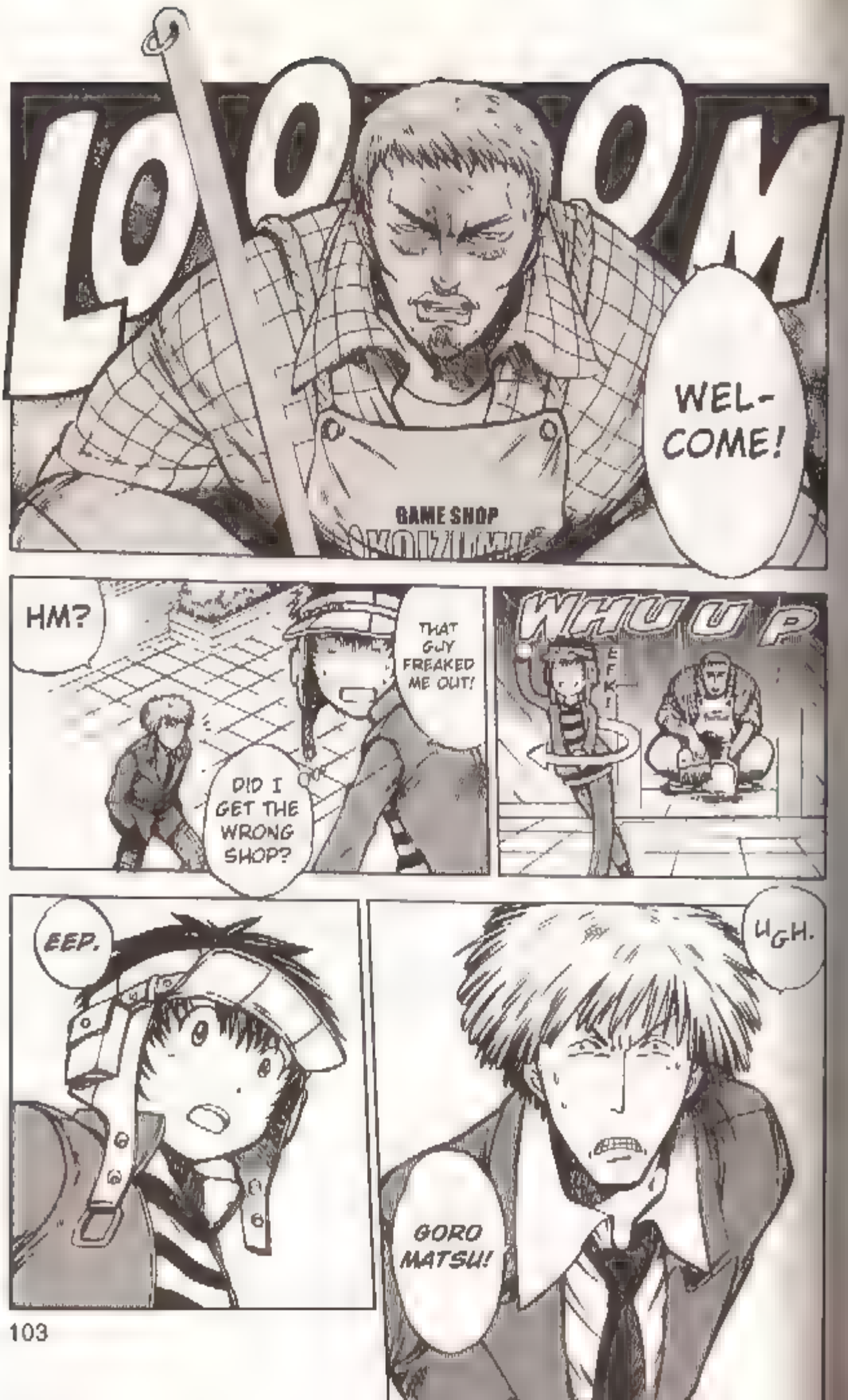

REPLAY
GORO MATSU... NO... TAKUMI YUKINO ...
...CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING THE WEST TOKYO DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.
HOW CAN I TELL MY BOSS THE WRONG KID GOT INTO THE FINALS?
ARRGH! DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
'TWEREN'T NOTHIN'
SHUCKS
TRAIN?
REPLAY
HUH?
TAKUMI, IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GO ON TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT. ♡
I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE TO TRAIN FOR IT!



2nd turn

OBSESSION



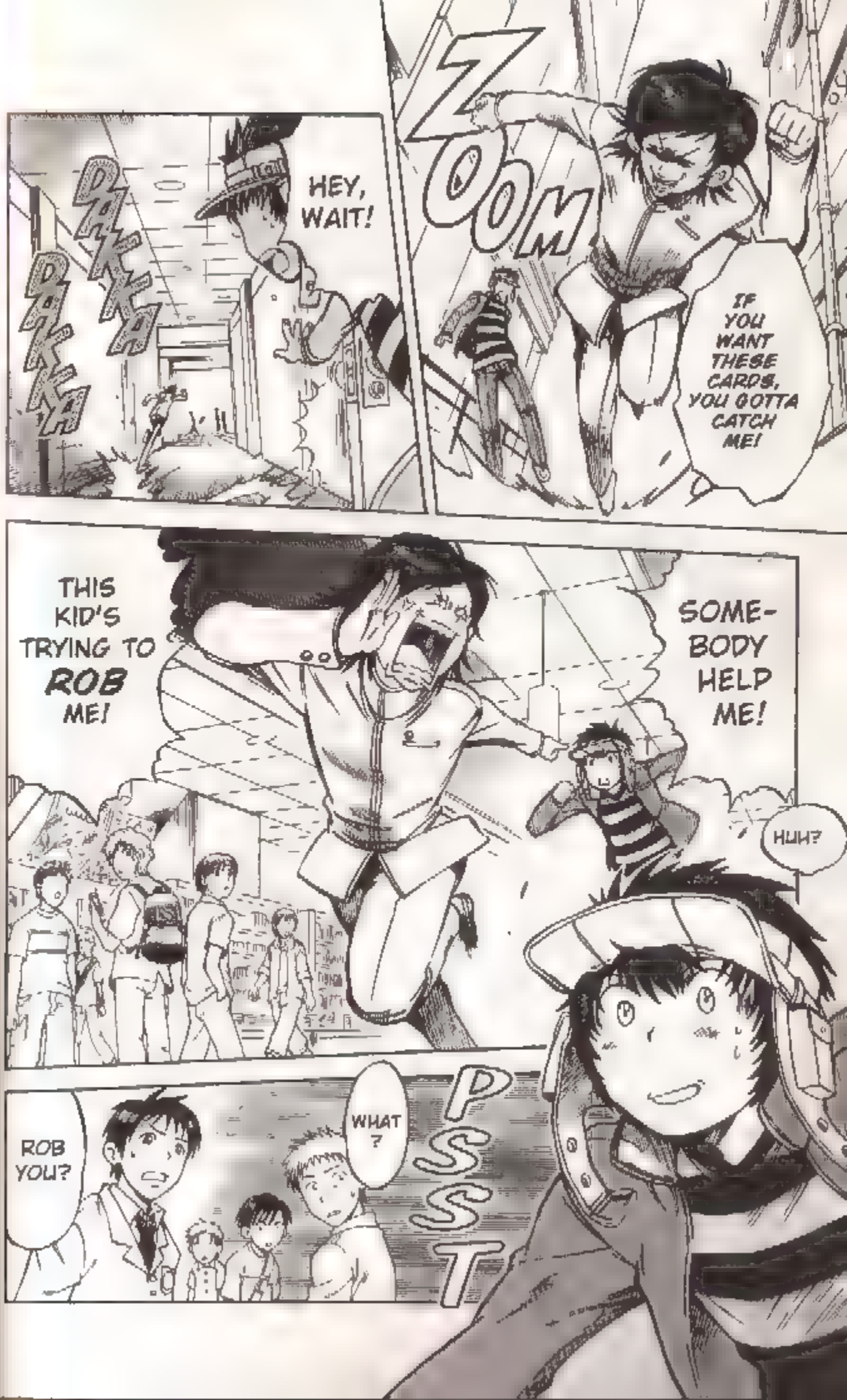

LOOM
WEL-
COME!
GAME SHOP
HM?
DID I GET THE WRONG SHOP?
THAT GUY FREAKED ME OUT!
WHUUP
EFKI
EEP.
UGH.
GORO MATSU!


DUH
ATTACK POINTS.
WHAT DOES "A.P." MEAN?
HEY, KENJI.
STOP ASKING ME STUFF! I ALWAYS ANSWER AUTO-MATICALLY!
ARRGH!
BY THE WAY, MY NAME'S NOT REALLY GORO MATSU. IT'S TAKUMI YUKINO!
IT'S THE GENOME CODE.
WHAT'S THE CODE ALONG THE EDGE OF THE CARD?
THE CODE FOR A DRAGON'S GENES
WHAT'S A GENOME CODE?
THUD
THWACK
IF YOU'VE GOT NEWBIE QUESTIONS, TALK TO THE SHOP-KEEP!
EEK!
I CAN'T ASK HIM...


DO YOU WANT SOME-THING?
...
NO... NOTHING.
KOIZUMI
!
DA DOO
I SEE.
TAK
TAK
I WONDER WHICH WAY HE WENT.
WHOA!
HEY ...
HE MUST'VE DROPPED THAT WHEN I BUMPED INTO HIM.
CLICK
HEY ...
HERE, MAYBE?

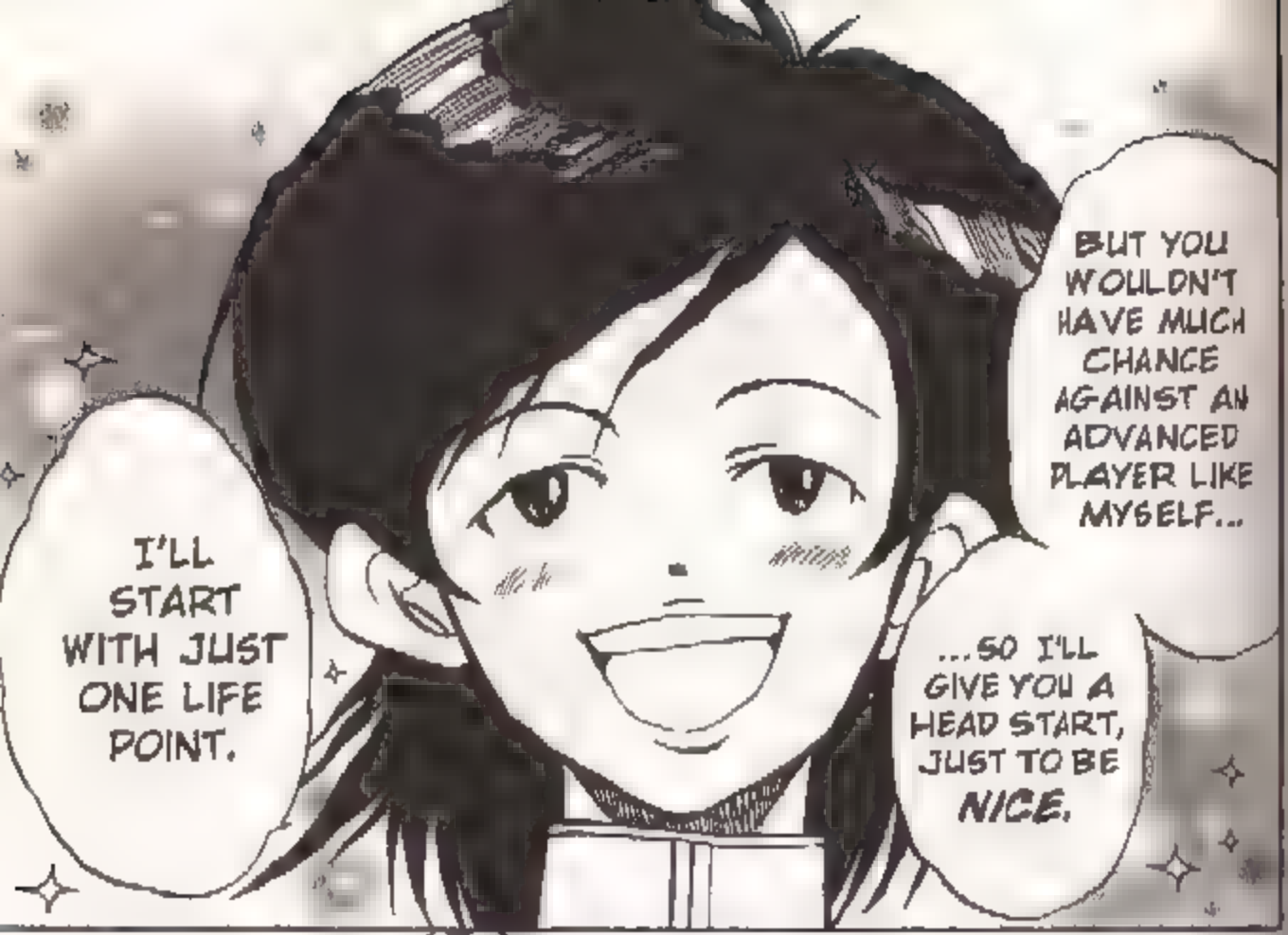

I KNOW YOU'VE GOT MORE RARE CARDS!
GIMME ALL THE CARDS YOU'RE HIDING!
GOB
HEY!
CLICK
TSK
I GAVE YOU EVERY-THING I'VE GOT..
SNIFF
SNIFF
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE MUGGING THEM...
I DON'T KNOW YOUR FACE. YOU A NEWBIE?
YOU BET I'M MUGGING THEM. GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

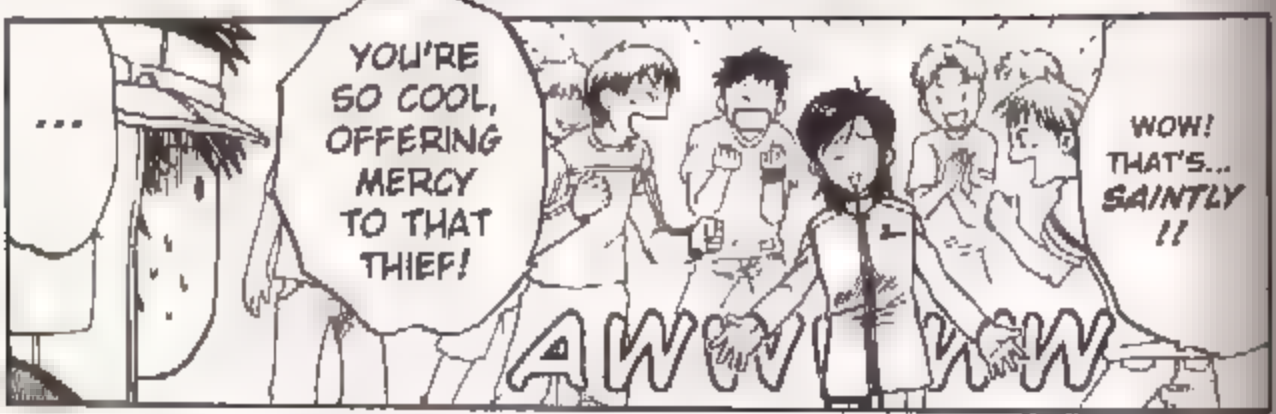

HEH.
YOU LOOK PRETTY DUMB.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT...
WAIT. I KNOW IT'S NOT RIGHT!
GRR
GIVE HIM HIS CARDS BACK.
...WILL COME TO YOUR SCHOOL AND KICK YOUR BUTT!
LISTEN UP! IF YOU RAT ME OUT, ME AND MY BUDDIES...
FWUMP
SWEET...
AND IT'S A HEAVEN'S RARE!!
THAT GUY'S GOT A RAIKOO CARD!


ZOOM
IF YOU WANT THESE CARDS, YOU GOTTA CATCH ME!
DAKKA DAKKA
HEY, WAIT!
SOME-BODY HELP ME!
THIS KID'S TRYING TO ROB ME!
HUH?
PSST
WHAT?
ROB YOU?

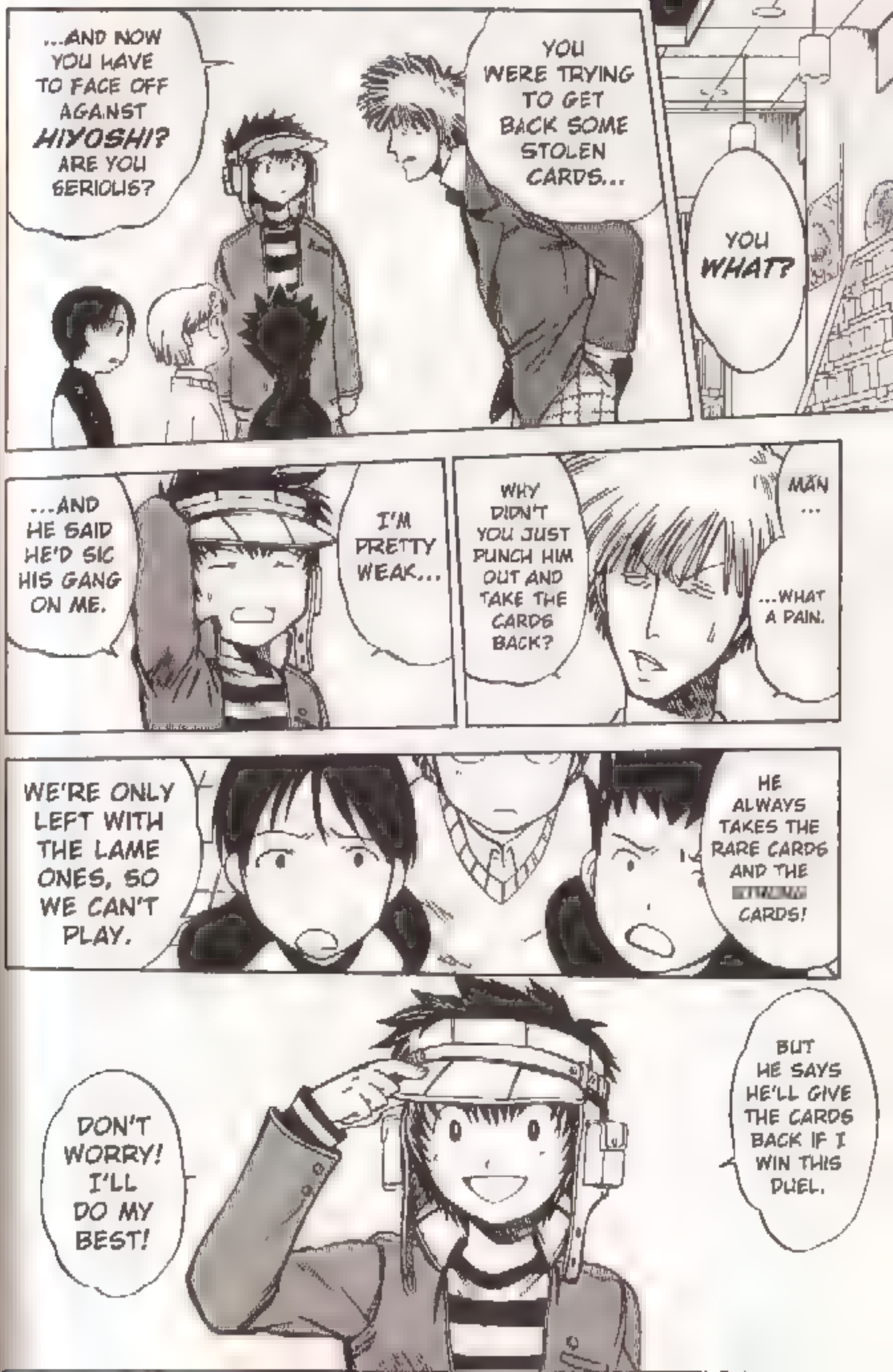

THIS NOOB THINKS HE CAN STEP UP TO US?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM BEFORE.
CLOMP CLOMP
THAT SO?
HE JUST JUMPED ME...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HIYOSHI?
HEY, YOU! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? WHO ARE YOU?
SHING
YEAH.
ARE YOU OKAY?
...
BRR BRR
IF YOU SAY A WORD, I'LL KILL YOU


URGH!
YOU TALKIN' TRASH ABOUT HIYOSHI?
HE WAS THE ONE DOING THE MUGGING.
YOU SLIME-BALL! HOW DARE YOU TRY TO MUG HIYOSHI?
EVERYONE AROUND HERE KNOWS ME AS A GOODY-TWO-SHOES!
TAKE THAT!
HIYOSHI.
I'M OKAY NOW. YOU CAN LET HIM GO.
OH, HIYOSHI!
WHY DON'T WE BET EACH OTHER'S CARDS ON A FAIR GAME OF DRAGON DRIVE?
UM...
HUH?
IF YOU REALLY WANT MY CARDS...
...I UNDERSTAND.


I'LL START WITH JUST ONE LIFE POINT.
BUT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE AGAINST AN ADVANCED PLAYER LIKE MYSELF...
...SO I'LL GIVE YOU A HEAD START, JUST TO BE NICE.


...
YOU'RE SO COOL, OFFERING MERCY TO THAT THIEF!
AWWWW
WOW! THAT'S... SAINTLY !!


?
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
BLAH BLAH
WHAT DID I GET INTO?
NUTS.
I'LL GET YOUR CARD...


...AND NOW YOU HAVE TO FACE OFF AGAINST HIYOSHI? ARE YOU SERIOUS?
YOU WERE TRYING TO GET BACK SOME STOLEN CARDS...
YOU WHAT?
...AND HE SAID HE'D SIC HIS GANG ON ME.
I'M PRETTY WEAK...
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST PUNCH HIM OUT AND TAKE THE CARDS BACK?
MAN ...
...WHAT A PAIN.
WE'RE ONLY LEFT WITH THE LAME ONES, SO WE CAN'T PLAY.
HE ALWAYS TAKES THE RARE CARDS AND THE [redacted] CARDS!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL DO MY BEST!
BUT HE SAYS HE'LL GIVE THE CARDS BACK IF I WIN THIS DUEL.



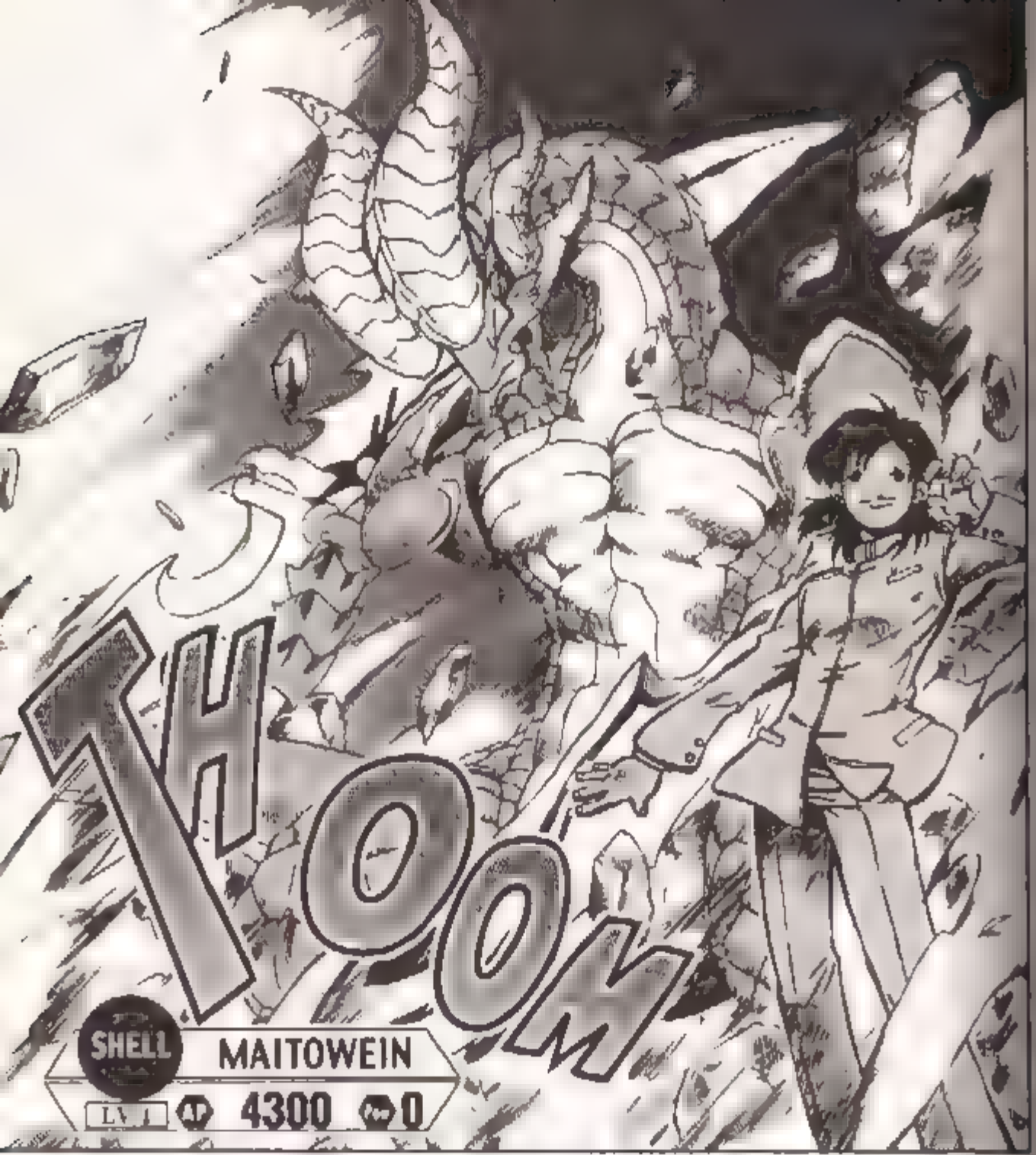
* D-MASTER: A DRAGON DRIVE PLAYER.



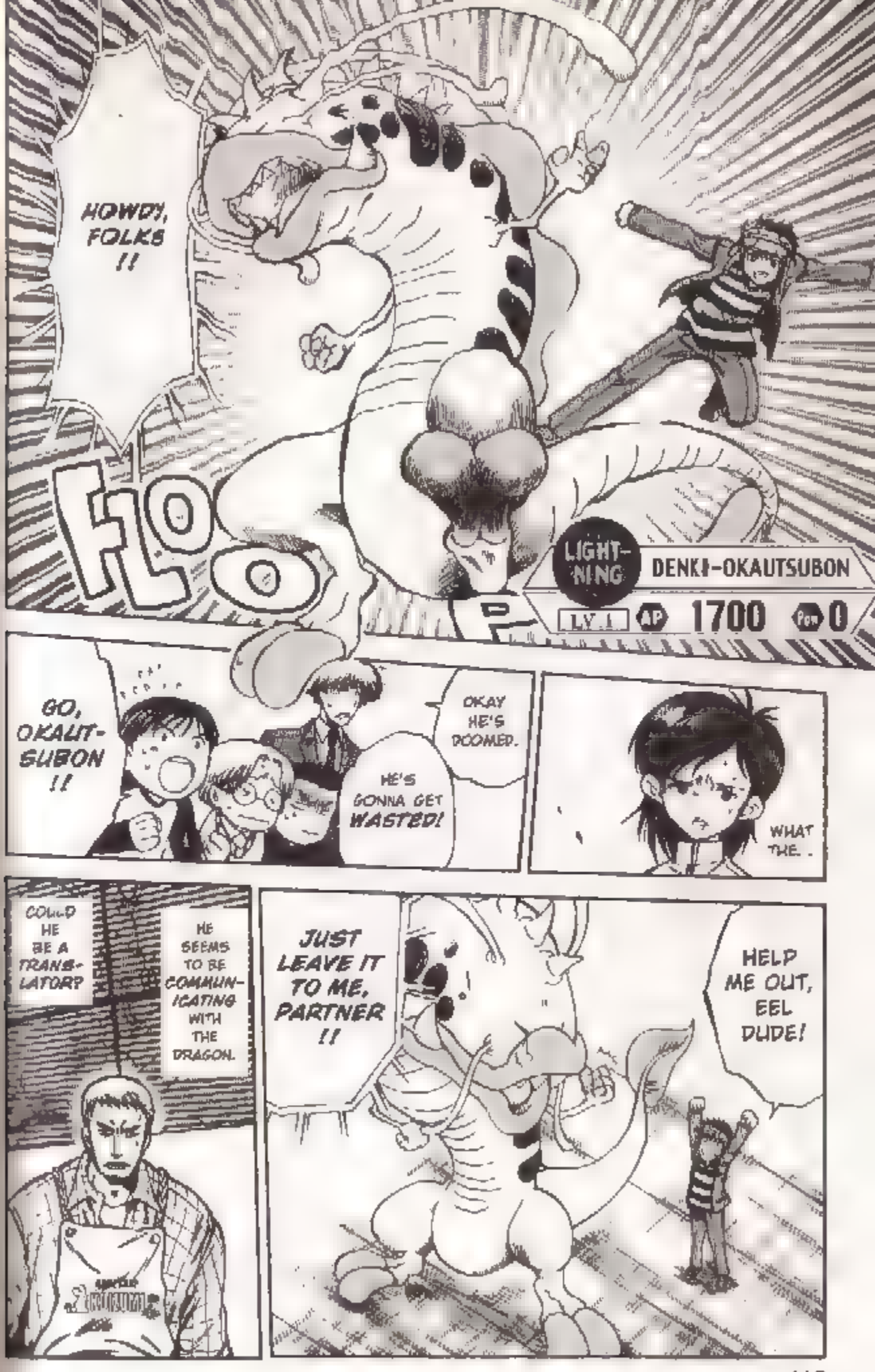
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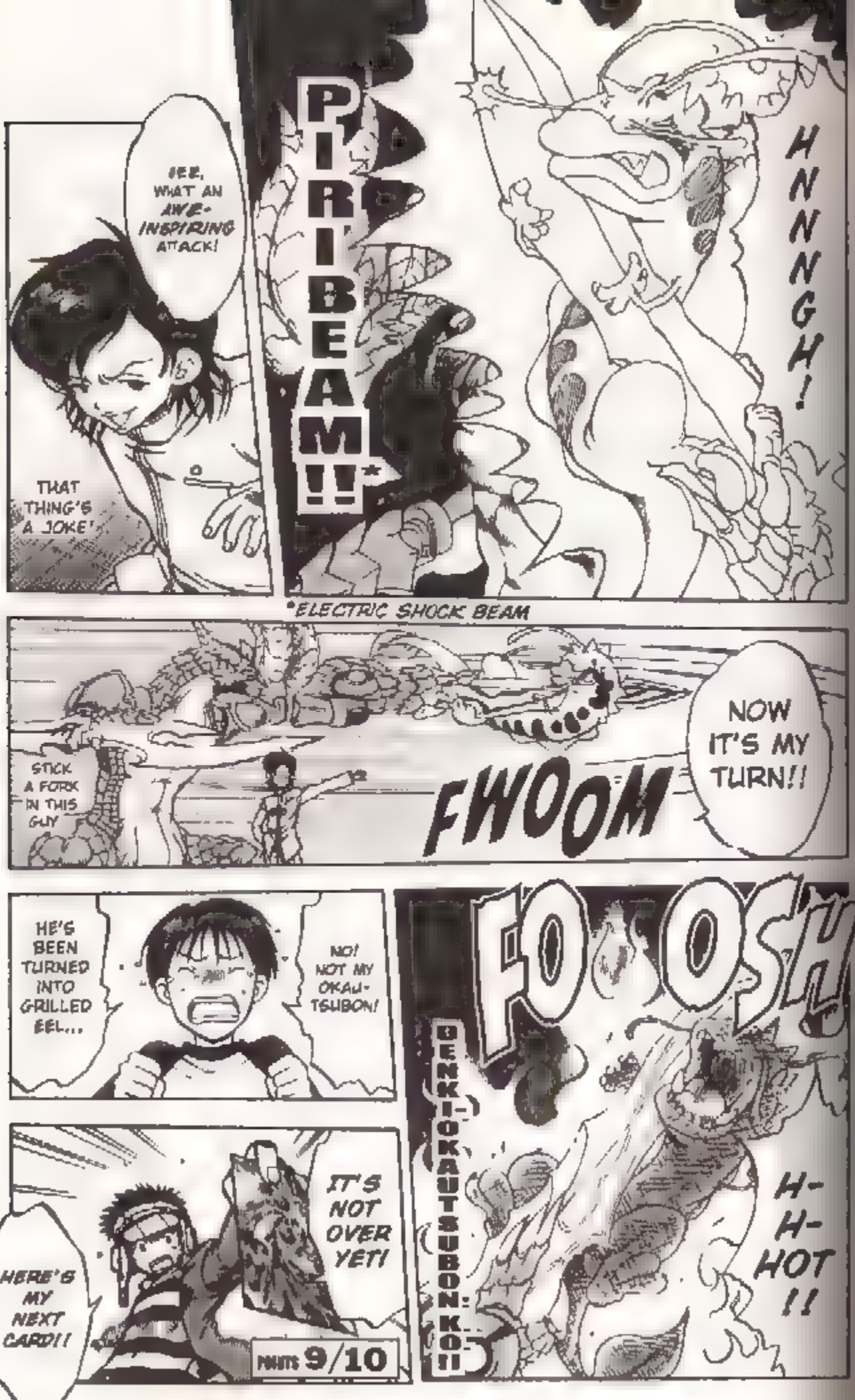

HERE'S MY DECK!
I'LL MIX THEM ALL TOGETHER.
DON'T EVEN TALK TO HIM. IT WON'T GET THROUGH.
HEH
HEH
YOU CAN'T WIN WITH ALL THOSE LAME CARDS. YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE BALANCE!
IT'S GOTTA BE STRONG!
BUT IT'S LIKE WE'RE ALL PITCHING IN TOGETHER!
HE'S SO GONNA LOSE


WHAT A WILD, STRONG RELIABLE MAN!
PLEASE ♡
I SENT HIM TO YOUR SHOP BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU COULD HELP HIM!
FORGET IT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME BEFORE THE NATIONALS.
...ANYWAY, PLEASE HELP TAKUMI YUKINO.
I'LL CALL YOU BACK.
HUH?
LISTEN, L
SOME NOOB CALLED TAKUMI IS TAKING ON HIYOSHI!!
HEY, WHAT...
BEEP
WAAAH
WAAAH
SHOOM
LET'S GET THIS STARTED !!
POINTS 1/10
POINTS 10/10


THOOM
SHELL
MAITOWEIN
LV 1
AP 4300
HP 0


FZZT
FZZT
HERE'S MY FIRST CARD!!
OKAY!


HOWDY, FOLKS !!
HOO
LIGHT-NING
DENKI-OKAUTSUBON
LV 1
AP 1700
POW 0
GO, OKAUT-SUBON !!
HE'S GONNA GET WASTED!
OKAY HE'S DOOMED.
WHAT THE..
COULD HE BE A TRANS-LATOR?
HE SEEMS TO BE COMMUN-ICATING WITH THE DRAGON.
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, PARTNER !!
HELP ME OUT, EEL DUDE!


HNNNGH!
PI'RI'BEAM!!*
EEE, WHAT AN AWE-INSPIRING ATTACK!
THAT THING'S A JOKE!
*ELECTRIC SHOCK BEAM
FWOOM
NOW IT'S MY TURN!!
STICK A FORK IN THIS GUY
FOOSH
GENKI-OKAUTSUBON: KO!!
H-H-HOT!!
HE'S BEEN TURNED INTO GRILLED EEL...
NO! NOT MY OKAU-TSUBON!
IT'S NOT OVER YET!
HERE'S MY NEXT CARD!!
POINTS 9/10

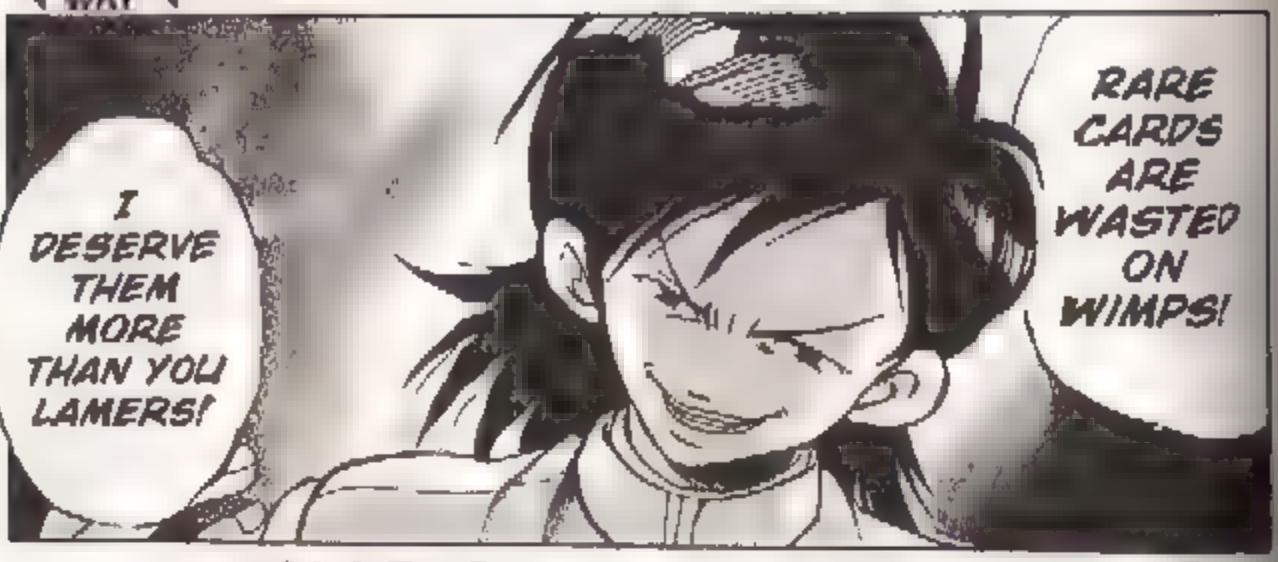

LIGHT-NING
PURANTOMIJINKO
LV 1
AP 1600
Pow 2
GO GET 'EM!!
MI-JINKO!
GO FOR IT!
THAT ONE'S MINE!
ANOTHER LAME CARD.
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ

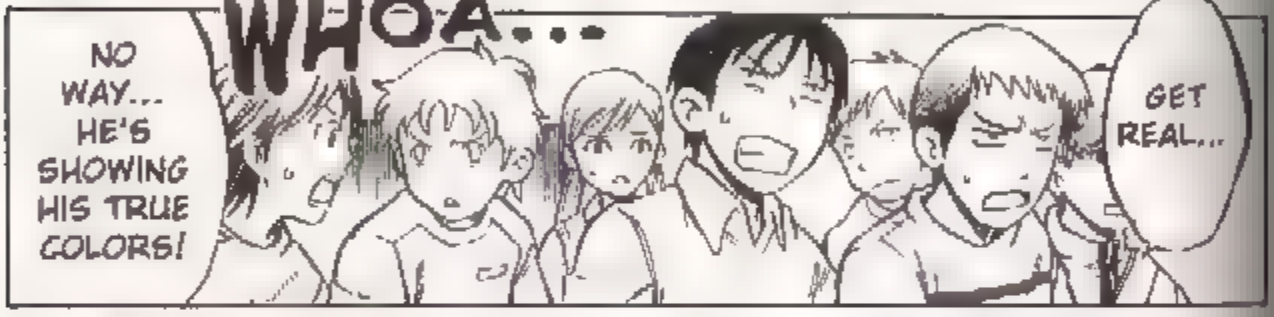

GO FOR IT, HIYOSHI!!
KICK HIS BUTT!
GET HIM, HIYOSHI!
TAKE THAT THIEF DOWN!!
IS THIS GUY FOR REAL?
OOO! SCARY!!
ROOOAR
ARGH!
THWOCK
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MY CARDS TOTALLY OUTCLASS YOURS!!
WHY DOESN'T THIS LOSER JUST GIVE UP?
POINTS 8/10

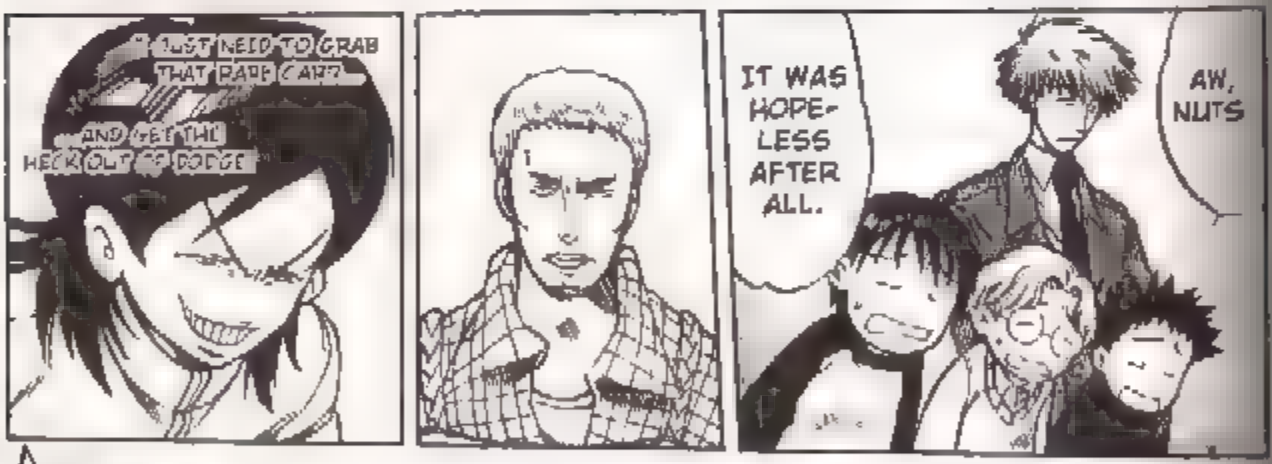

POINTS 3/10
YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM.
LITTLE RAIKEN: K.O.!
TSK!
SUNORAGEN: K.O.!
BA
O
O
M
RAIKABOKI: K.O.!
...I'LL LET YOU KEEP EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE RAIKOO CARD.
HA HA... TAKUMI, IF YOU KNEEL DOWN AND SURRENDER NOW...
NO WAY.
GIVE UP.
DO IT.

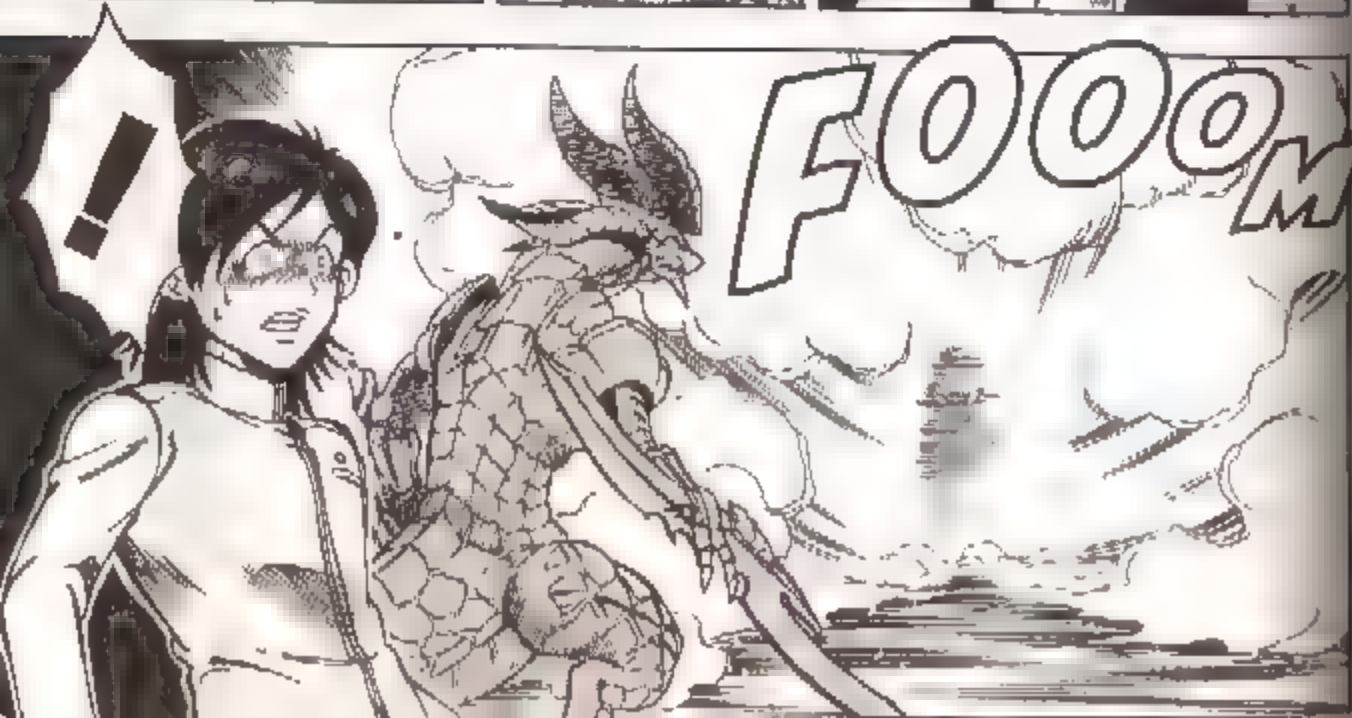

READ THIS WAY
NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY!!
GR
RR
THAT DOPE!! HE'S WINDING ME UP!!
DIE !!
THIS IS THE END!
WOOM

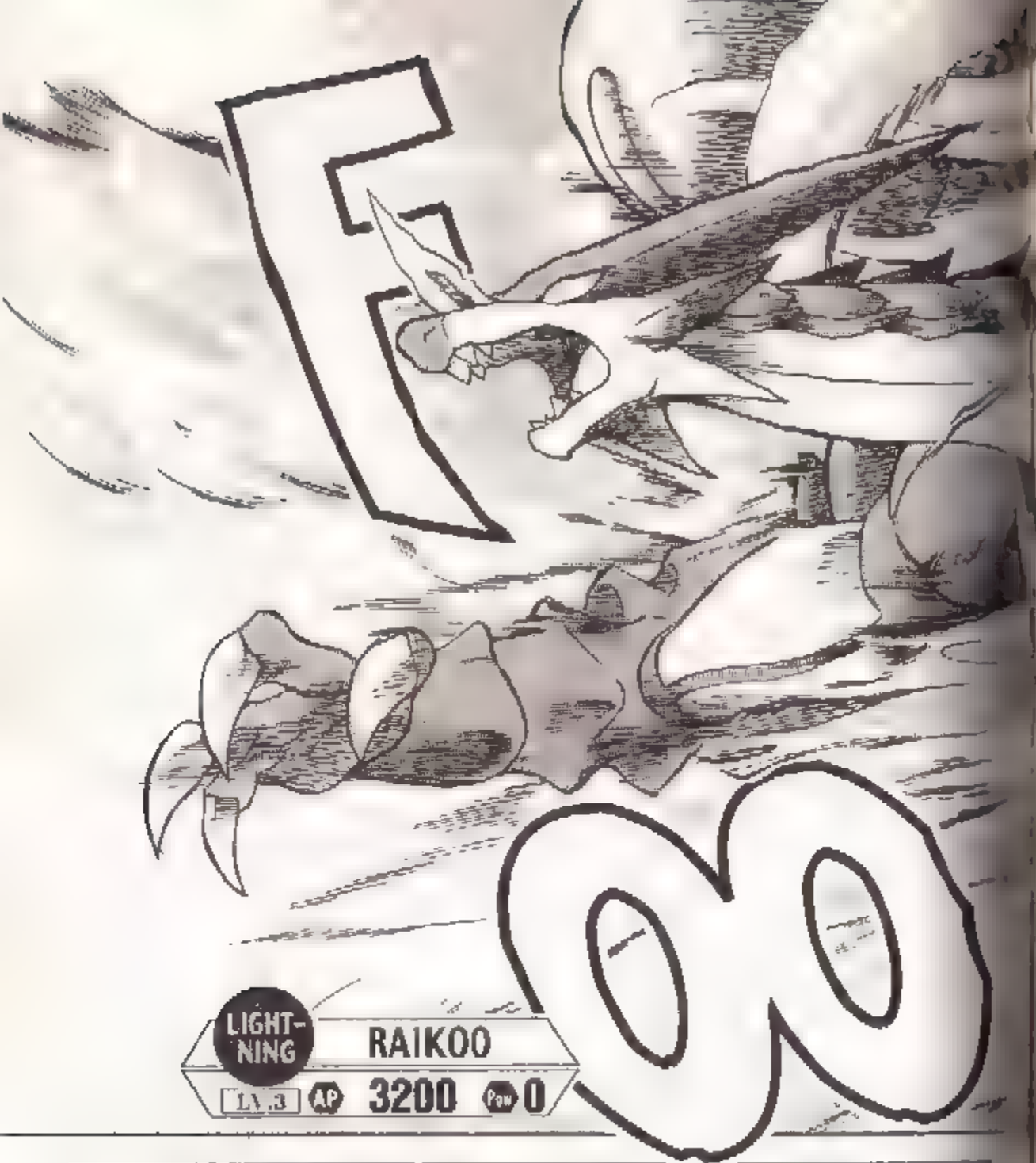

THERE'S NO WAY A LOSER LIKE YOU COULD EVER BEAT ME!!
YOU SHOULD'VE JUST GIVEN ME THE CARD RIGHT FROM THE START.
IDIOT!
HA HA HA HA HA!
I'M BORED WITH THIS SCENE, ANYWAY.
YEAH, YEAH.
IT'S LIKE HE'S GOT A SPLIT PERSONALITY!
IS THAT HIYOSHI?
YOU WHAT?
I WAS THE THIEF ALL ALONG.
THAT'S RIGHT, SUCKERS.


I DESERVE THEM MORE THAN YOU LAMERS!
RARE CARDS ARE WASTED ON WIMPS!

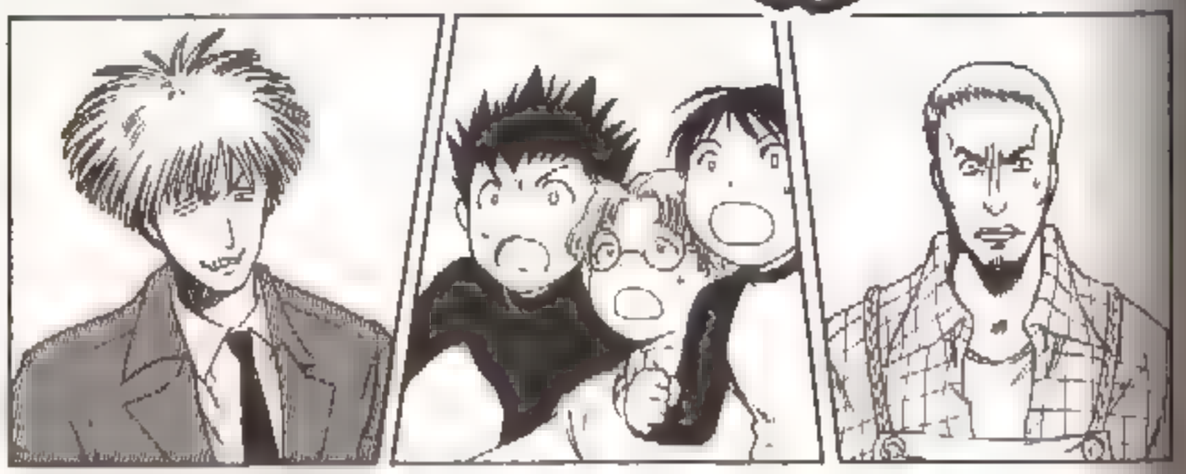

NO WAY... HE'S SHOWING HIS TRUE COLORS!
WHOA...
GET REAL...

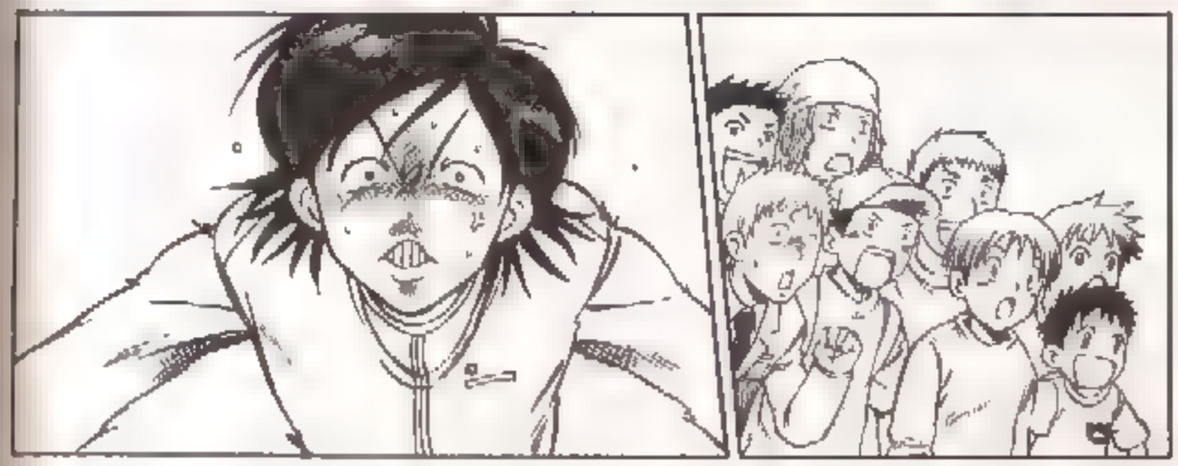

I JUST NEED TO GRAB THAT RARE CARD AND GET THE HECK OUT OF DODGE
IT WAS HOPELESS AFTER ALL.
AW, NUTS


!
FOOOM


LIGHT-NING
RAIKOO
LV.3
AP 3200
Pow 0








AREN'T YOU WASTED YET?
YOU'RE TOO WEAK FOR IT! DON'T GET ANY BIG IDEAS!
HURRY UP AND LOSE SO I CAN GET THAT RAIKOO CARD!
THEY'RE ONLY USEFUL IN THE HANDS OF A STRONG PLAYER... LIKE ME!
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT RARE CARDS!

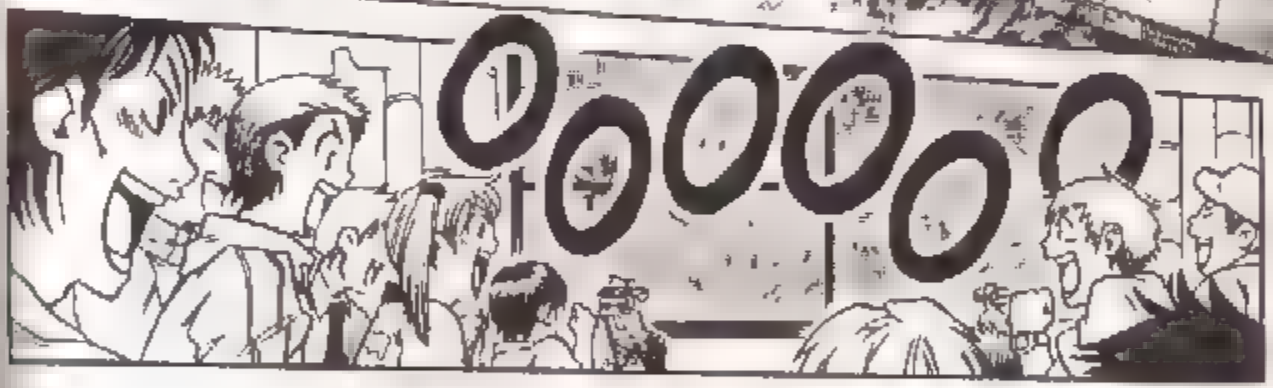

READ THIS WAY
...HOW COME YOU NEED ALL THE BEST CARDS?
IF YOU'RE REALLY A STRONG PLAYER ...
IDIOT
...AND GO RIGHT ON LOSING!
WHAT-EVER! YOU WIMPS CAN KEEP THE LAME CARDS...
BUT...
I'M NOT A STRONG PLAYER YET.
YOU'RE RIGHT.


...THAN A GUY WHO NEEDS ALL THE TOP CARDS FOR HIMSELF!
...I BET I CAN GET A LOT STRONGER ...
HRAK
ZIP IT! IT'S GAME OVER FOR YOU!!


GRRK
HEH
MAITO-WEIN'S SWORD!
WHAT?
MAITO-WEIN'S SWORD IS HISTORY!!
NO WAY! THE ATTACKS FROM ALL THOSE SMALL FRIES ADDED UP!
RAIKOO!!! NOW!!

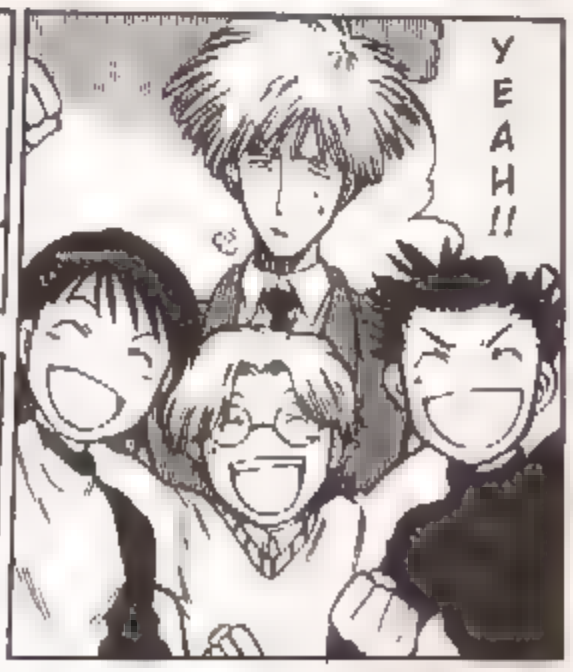

WHOOOSH


BO
OM

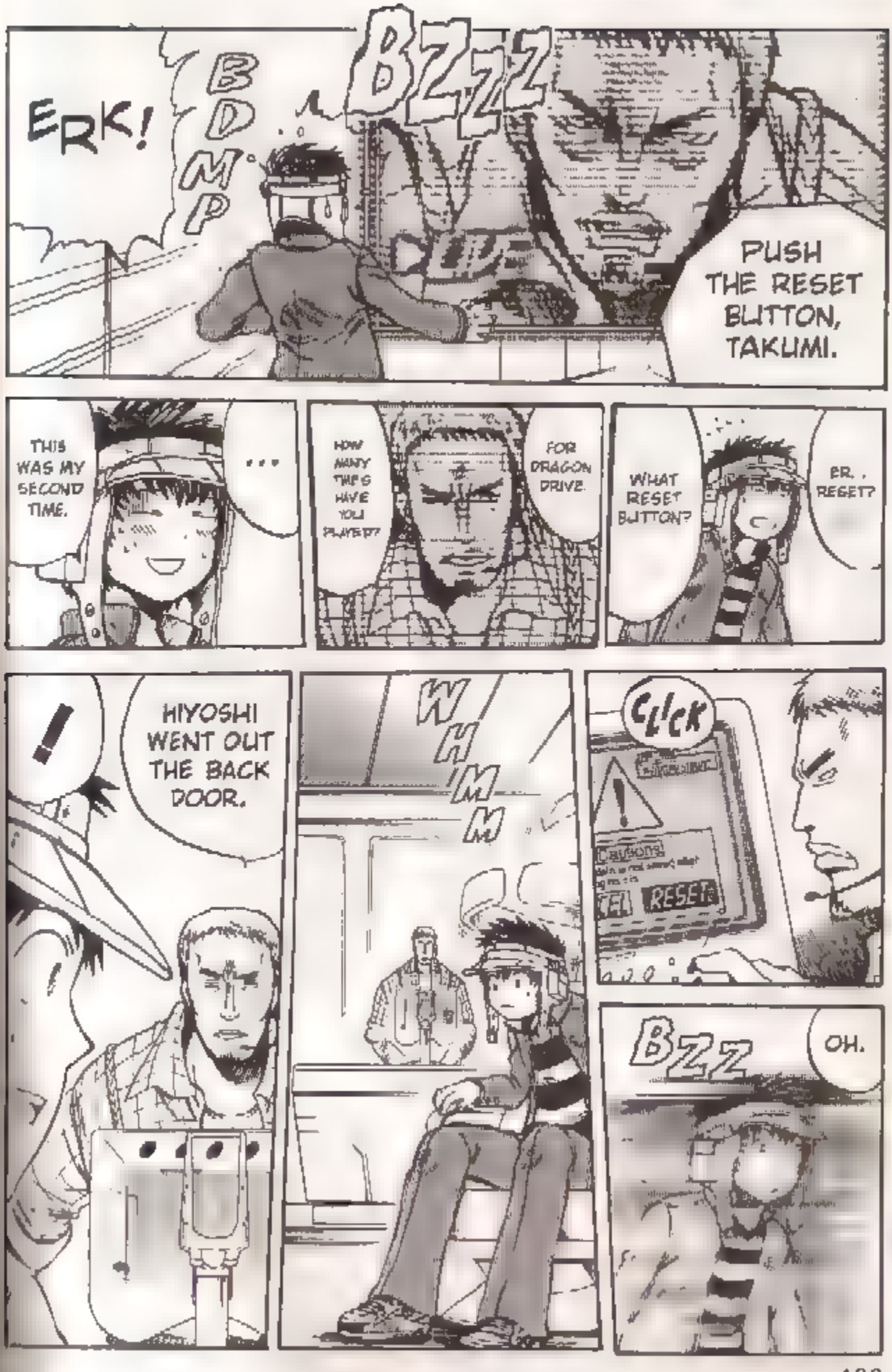

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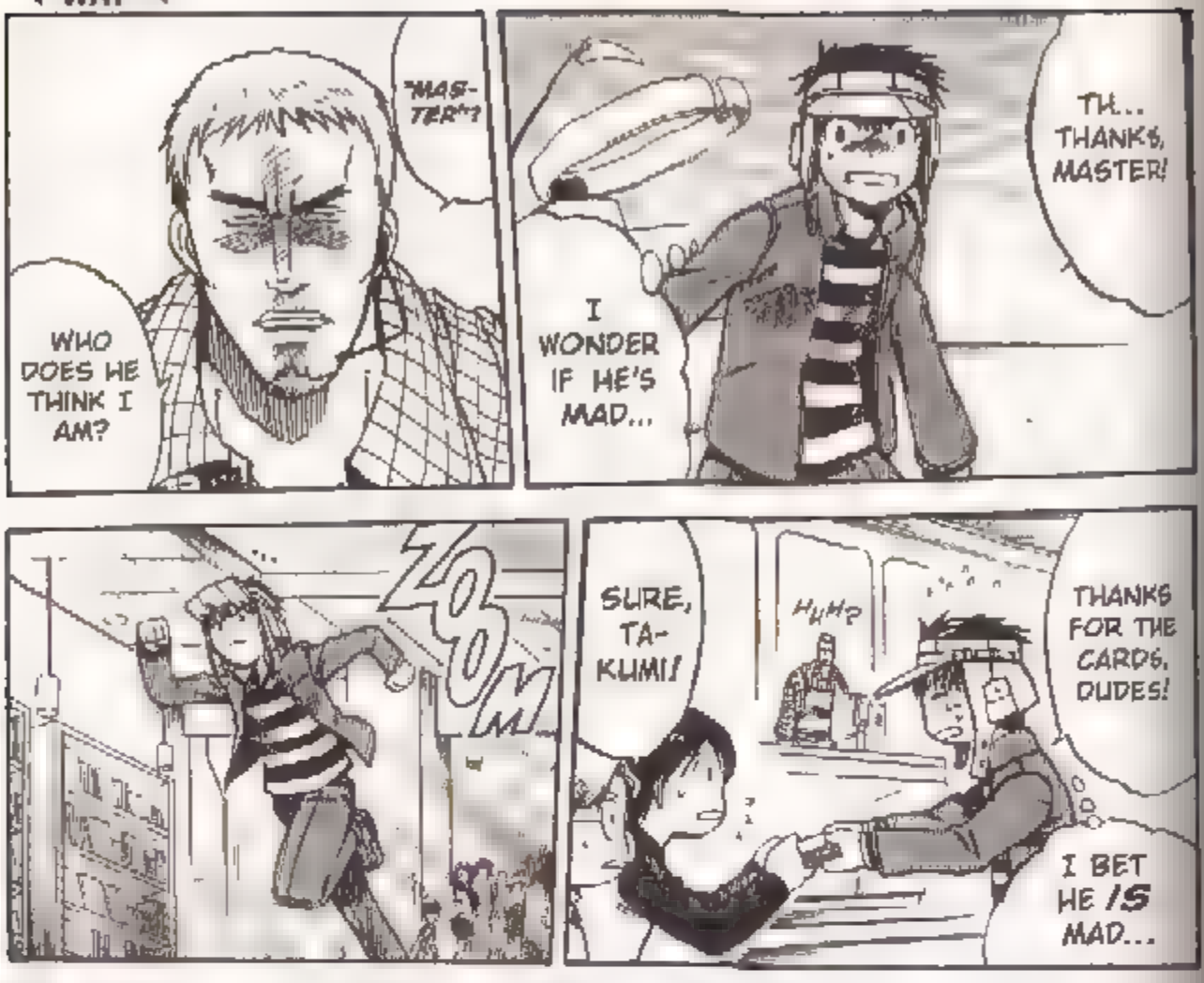

UGH...

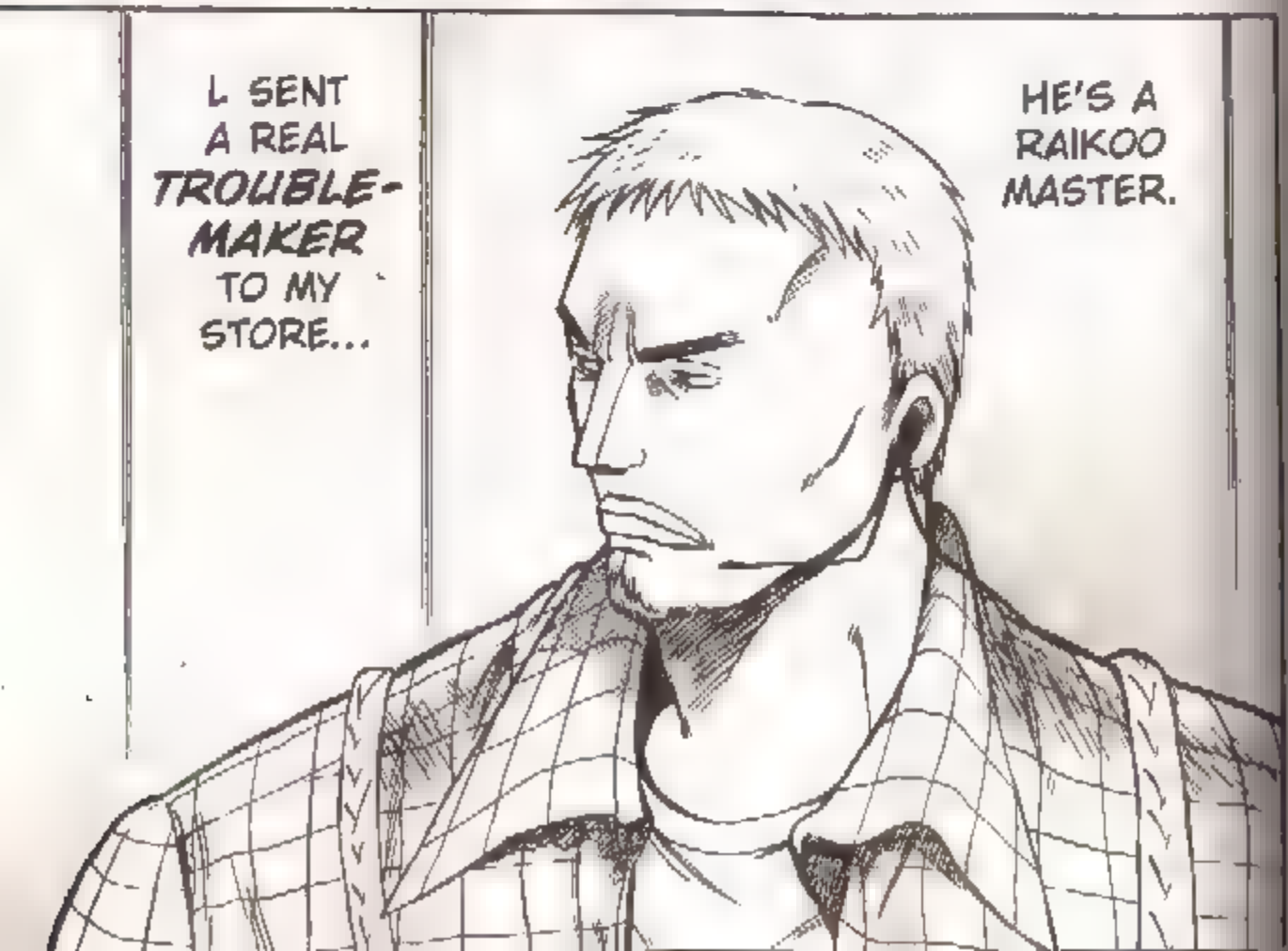

THIS GUY'S TOUGH!


YEAH!!

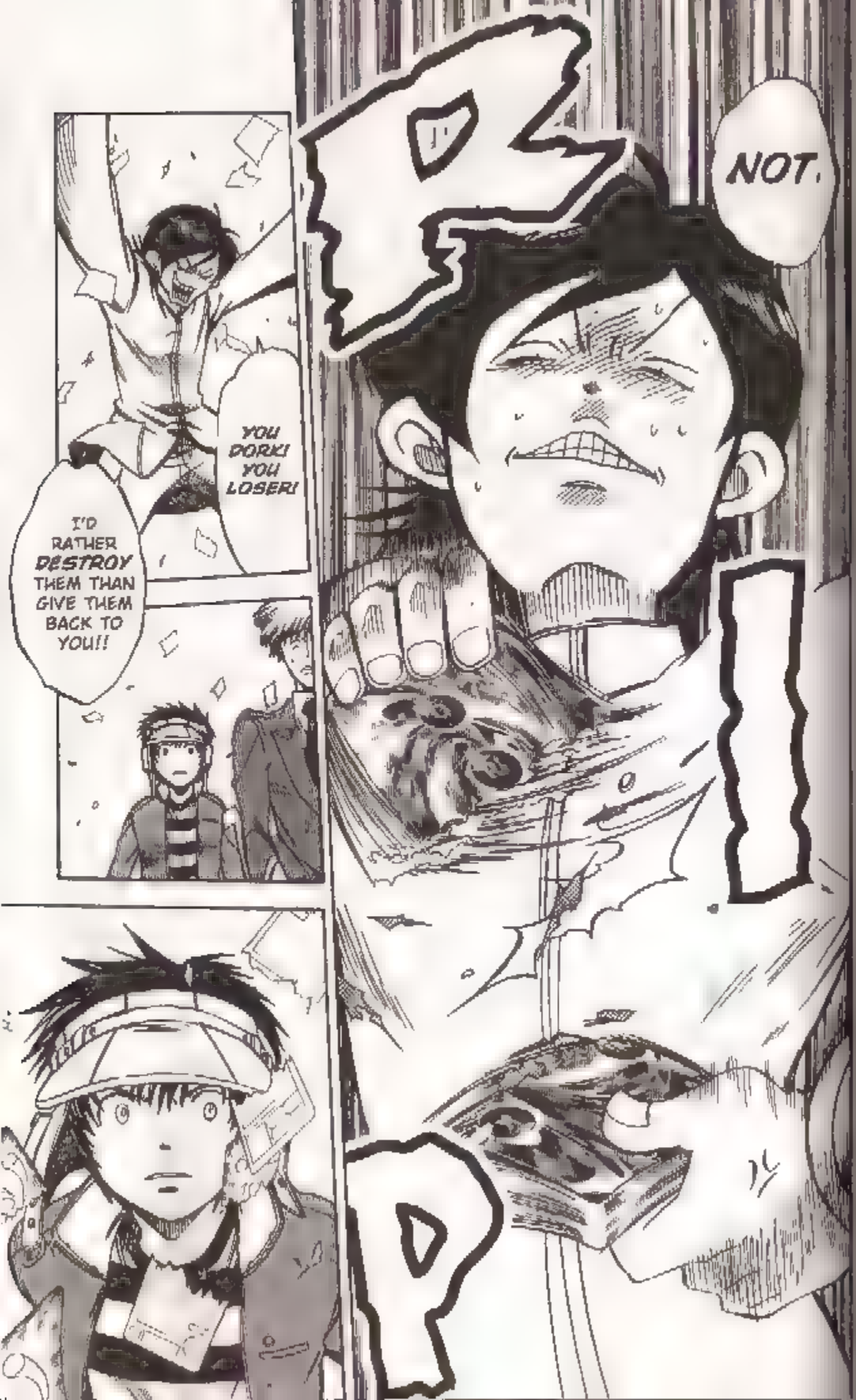

IF I KEEP TAKING HITS LIKE THAT...
VOOSH
HE DISAP-PEARED !!
BEEP
RESET
HMM !
UM...WHERE'D HE GO?
YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN, SUCKERS !!
LIKE I'D EVER GIVE UP MY CARDS !!


ERK!
BDMP
BZZZ
PUSH THE RESET BUTTON, TAKUMI.
THIS WAS MY SECOND TIME.
...
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU PLAYED?
FOR DRAGON DRIVE.
WHAT RESET BUTTON?
ER, RESET?
!
HIYOSHI WENT OUT THE BACK DOOR.
WHMM
CLICK
RESET
BZZ
OH.


"MASTER"?
WHO DOES HE THINK I AM?
I WONDER IF HE'S MAD...
TH... THANKS, MASTER!
ZOOM
SURE, TAKUMI!
HUH?
THANKS FOR THE CARDS, DUDES!
I BET HE IS MAD...

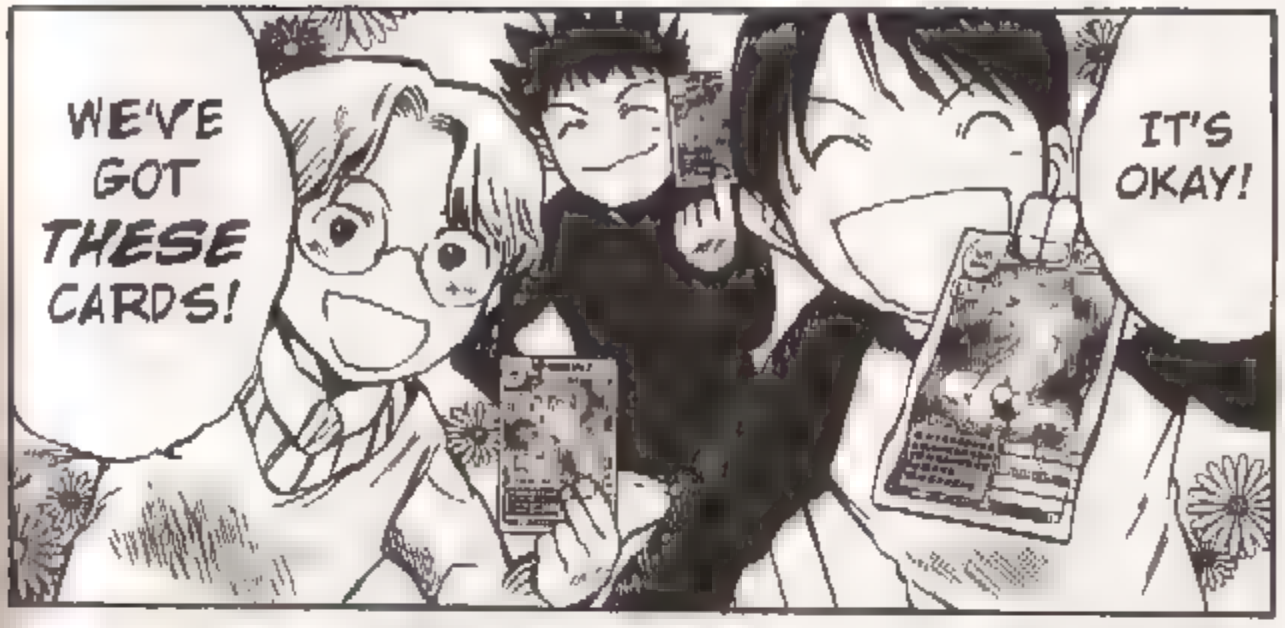

I SENT A REAL TROUBLE-MAKER TO MY STORE...
HE'S A RAIKOO MASTER.

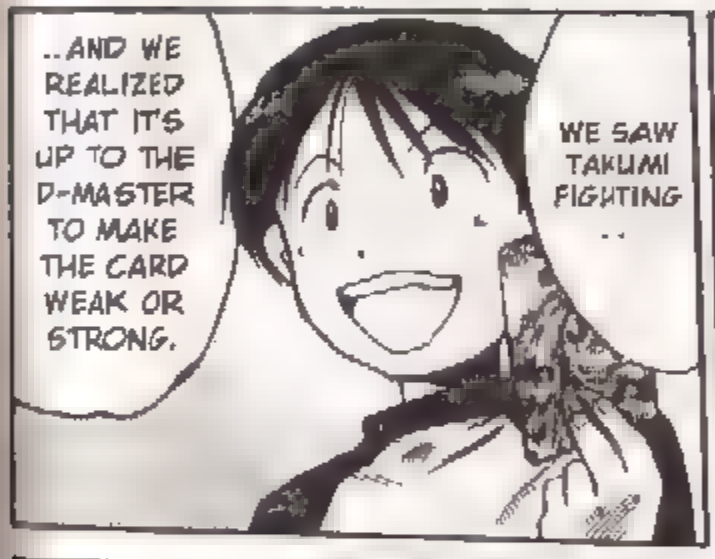

KEN-JI!
WHAT KEPT YOU? LOOK, I SNAGGED HIM.
HWP
HM...
...
LISTEN!! I DIDN'T LOSE TO YOU!
I LOST TO THAT HEAVEN'S RARE CARD OF YOURS.
TSK.
HERE.
YOU CAN HAVE THEM BACK
IT'S THAT RAIKOO CARD.
...
WHAT DOES "HEAVEN'S RARE" MEAN?
WHAT A NEWBIE.

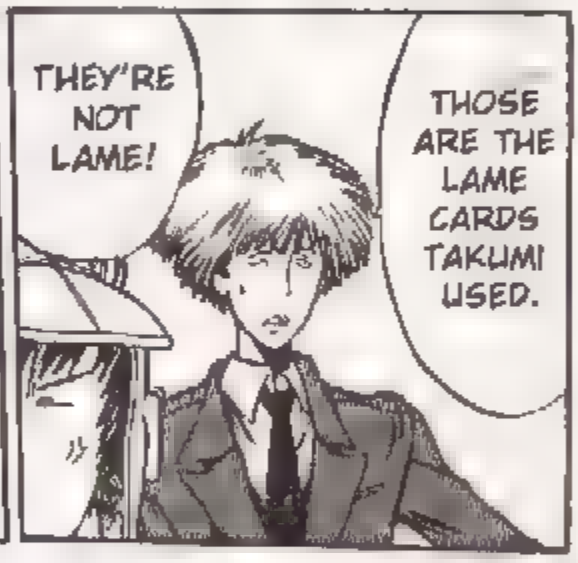

YOU DORK! YOU LOSER!
I'D RATHER DESTROY THEM THAN GIVE THEM BACK TO YOU!!
NOT.


THN
OK
SORRY.

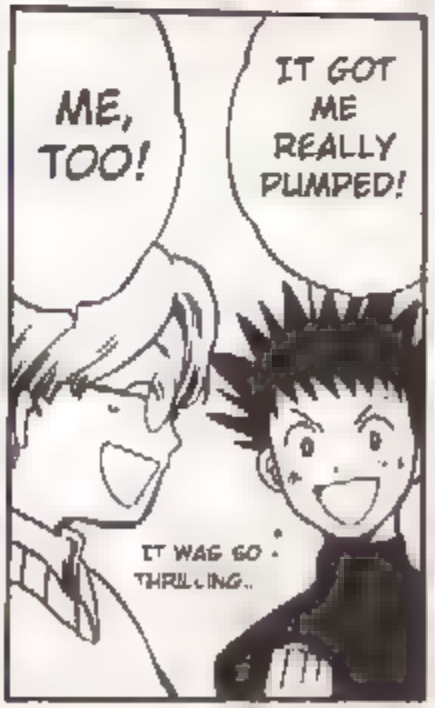

...IT MIGHT AS WELL BE A HARD, BONY ONE.
BUT IF HE'S GONNA TASTE FIST...
I SHOULDA LET YOU SOCK HIM FIRST.
WHAT A CREEP
HEH...
TA-KUMI!
CHAK
YOUR CARDS GOT RIPPED.
I'M SORRY, GUYS.


WE'VE GOT THESE CARDS!
IT'S OKAY!


..AND WE REALIZED THAT IT'S UP TO THE D-MASTER TO MAKE THE CARD WEAK OR STRONG.
WE SAW TAKUMI FIGHTING..


THEY'RE NOT LAME!
THOSE ARE THE LAME CARDS TAKUMI USED.


THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! RIGHT, KENJI?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT WAS!
SORRY
I DON'T GET IT.


ME, TOO!
IT GOT ME REALLY PUMPED!
IT WAS SO THRILLING..


I'M NOT SOME KIND OF WALKING ENCYCLO-PEDIA!
HEY!
...THIS GUY KNOWS ALL ABOUT DRAGON DRIVE. HE'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.
SERI-OUSLY, LAY OFF!
IN THAT CASE ...
COOL!
I'M GOING TO MAKE A NEW DECK WITH THESE.
WHAT'S A COMBO?
WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO USE D-PARTS?
HOW DO I USE OPTION CARDS EFFEC-TIVELY?
TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE A DECK WITH MULTIPLE COMBOS!
UM...
HMM ...
OKAY
GAME SHOP
KOIZUMI
ARGH!
WHAT ARE D-PARTS?
ARRGH!
ARRGH!



WHEN I GET STUCK WHILE WRITING, MY ASSISTANTS DOODLE FOR ME. HOW SOOTHING...


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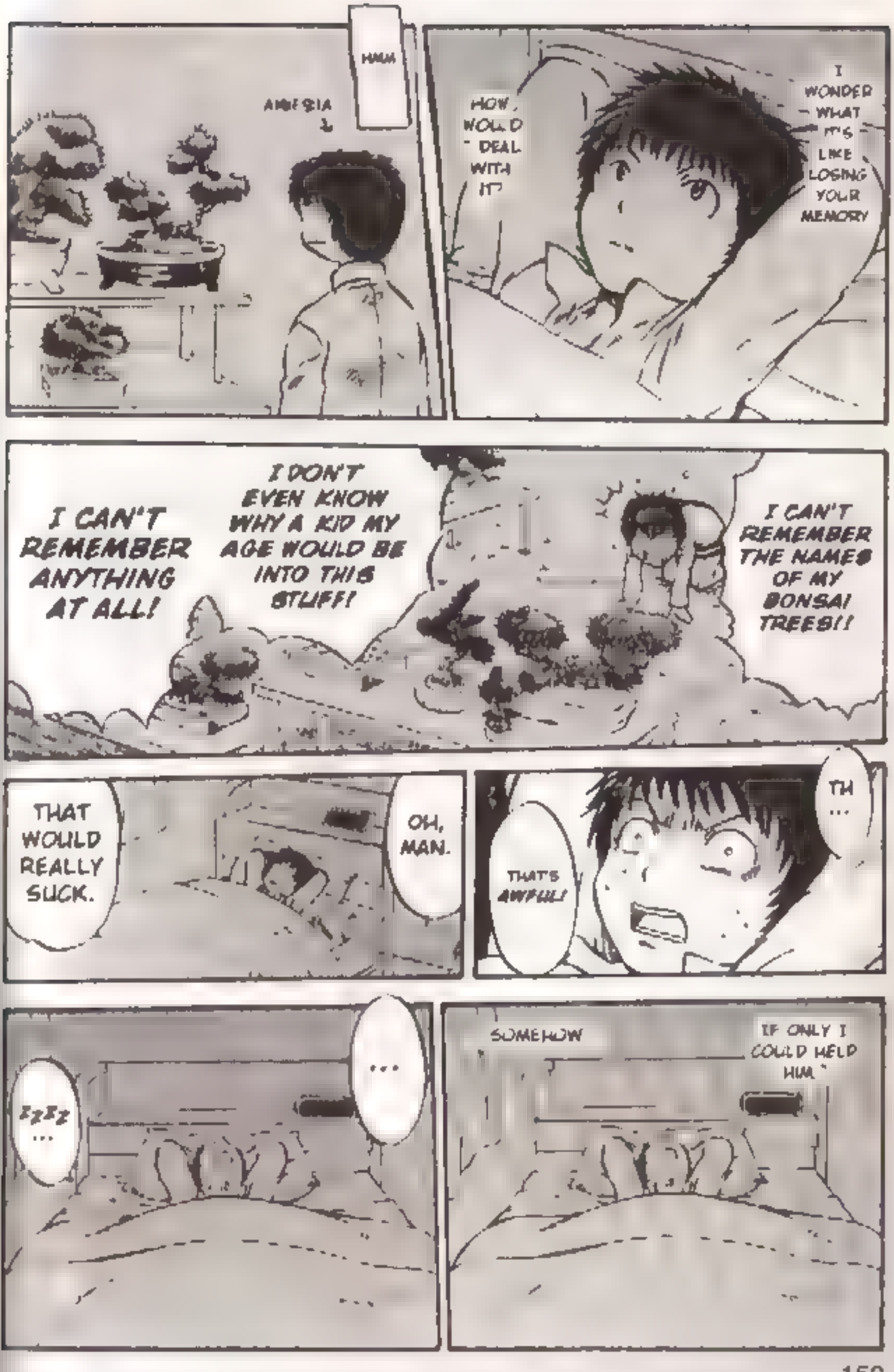
YOU ARE... *MY PARTNER!*

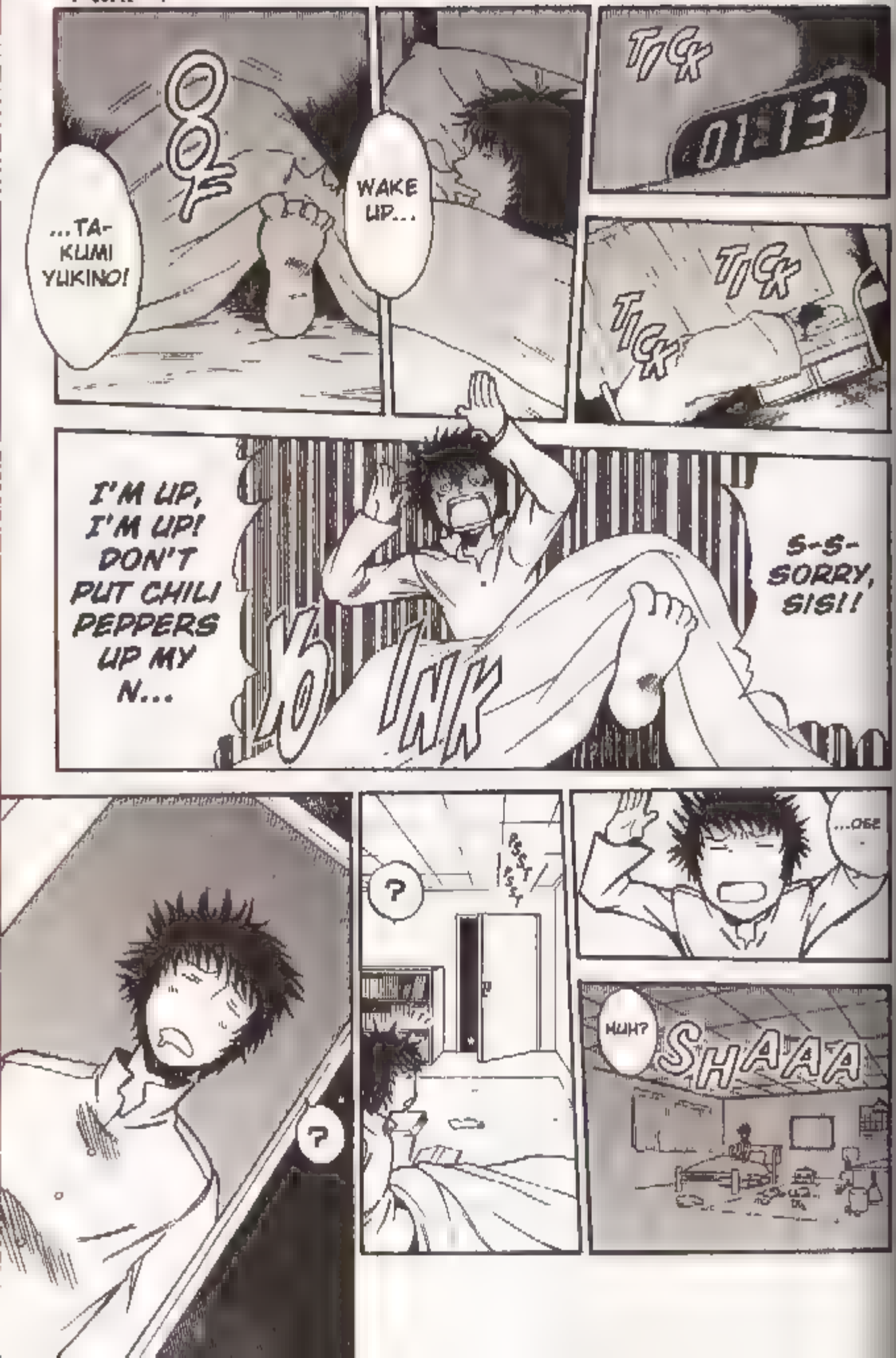
I SEE...

3rd turn THE BEGINNING


D-Zone Training Stage
HEY, RAIKOO.
WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.
HAS YOUR MEMORY COME BACK YET?
I FEEL THAT FIGHTING AT YOUR SIDE LIKE THIS...
...WILL HELP STIR MY MEMORIES
DON'T WORRY, TAKUMI.
OH.
NO.


HEH
BACK-AT-CHA!!
ANYWAY, IT'S FUN TO BE WITH YOU.
SAVE IT FOR THE HONEY-MOON !!!
HEY, YOU TWO!
LOOOVE
LIKE HE'S FORGOTTEN SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT.
SOMETIMES RAIKOO'S FACE LOOKS SO... PAINED.
HE TELLS ME NOT TO WORRY, BUT I CAN'T HELP IT.


HMM
AMNESIA
I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE LOSING YOUR MEMORY
HOW WOULD I DEAL WITH IT?
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AT ALL!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY A KID MY AGE WOULD BE INTO THIS STUFF!
I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAMES OF MY BONSAI TREES!!
THAT WOULD REALLY SUCK.
OH, MAN.
TH...
THAT'S AWFUL!
...
ZzZz...
SOMEHOW
IF ONLY I COULD HELP HIM.


...TA-KUMI YUKINO!
WAKE UP...
TICK
01:13
TICK
TICK
I'M UP, I'M UP! DON'T PUT CHILI PEPPERS UP MY N...
KO TCK
S-S-SORRY, SIS!!
?
PSST PSST
...OEZ
?
HUH?
SHAAA

HUH?

DA

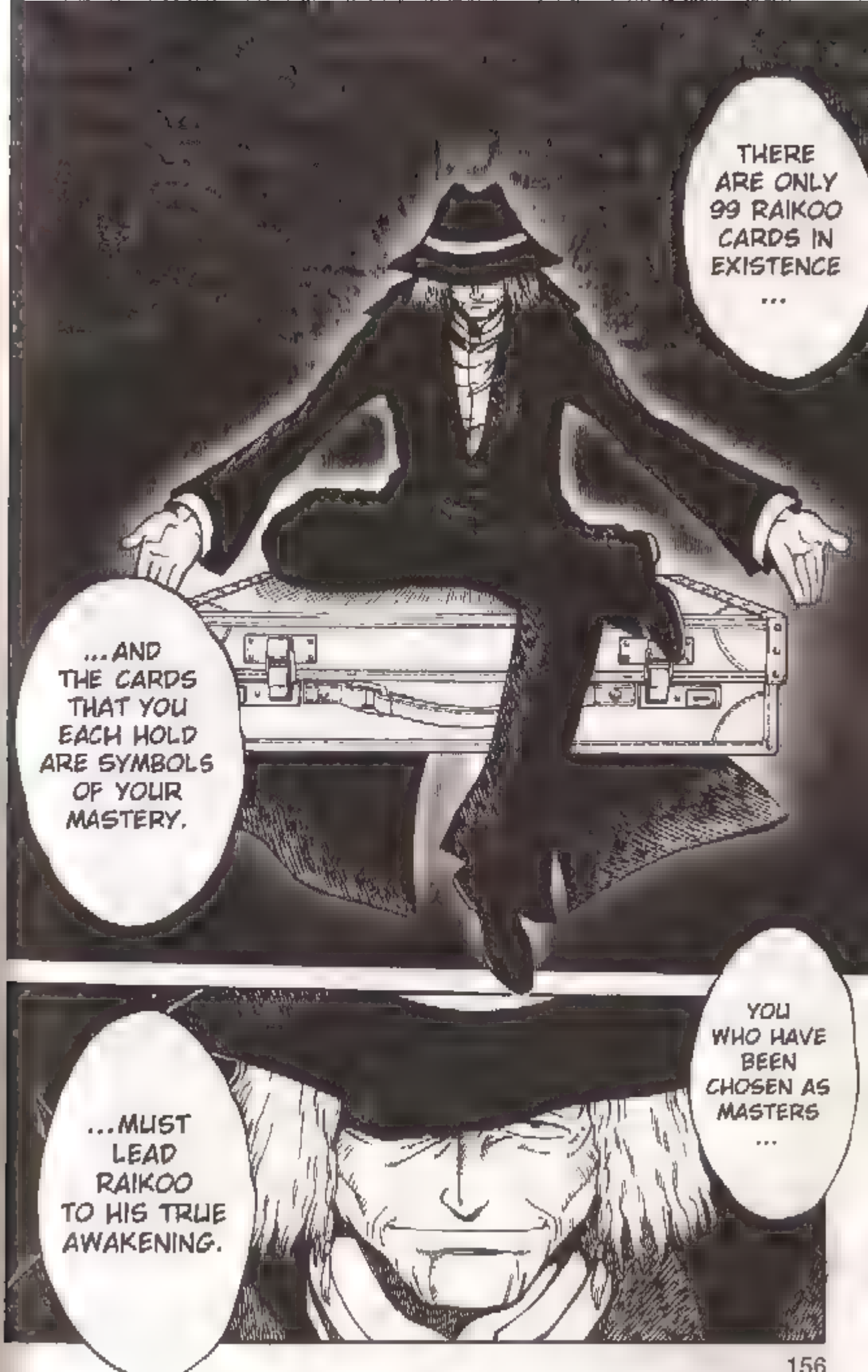
DOOM


WHAT'S GOING ON?
FWP
WHO
ARRGH!
SH
BEAT


HE LOOKS KINDA DORKY ...
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE.

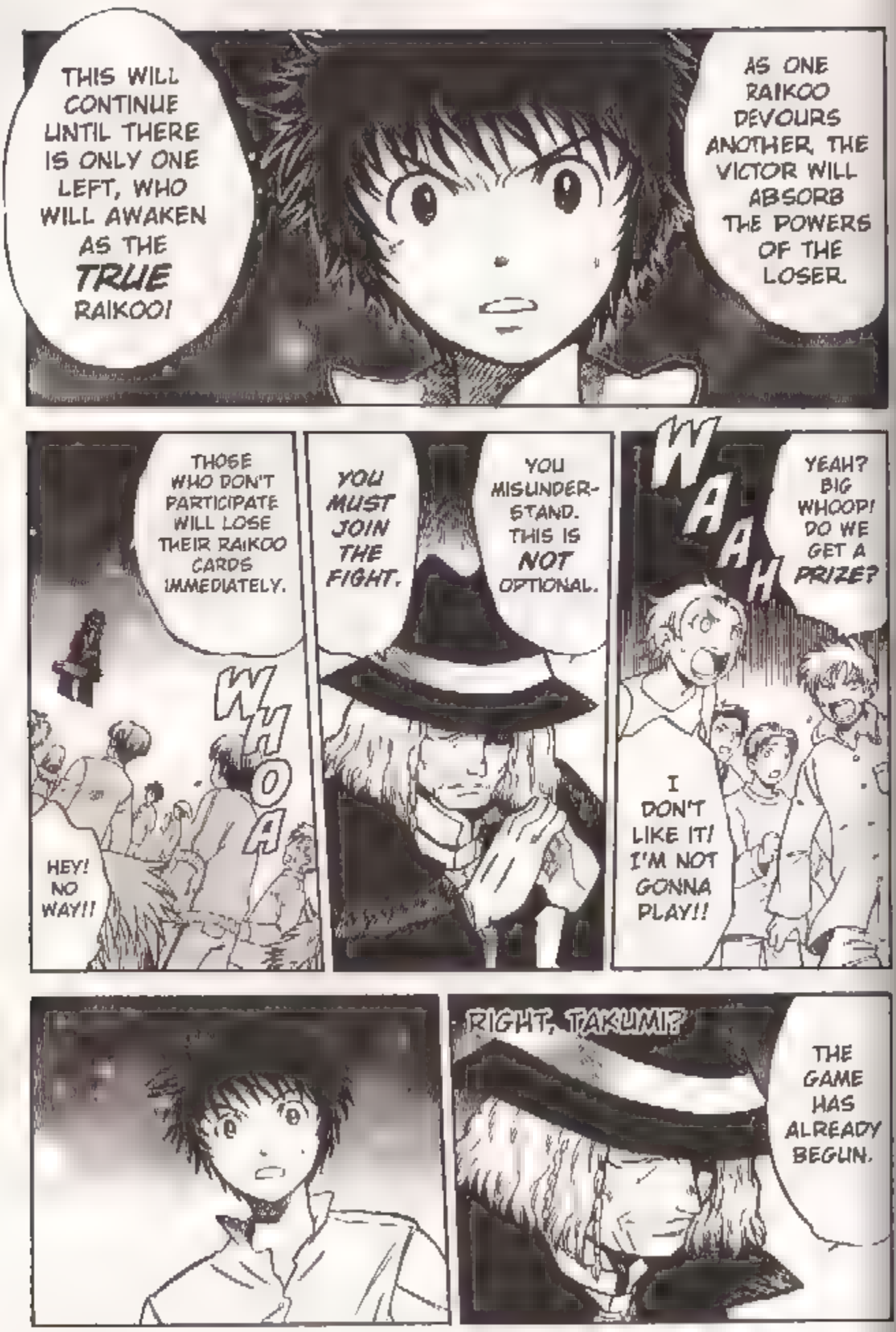

WH. WHAT'S HAPPENING?
ARE WE IN THE O-ZONE?
I WANNA GO HOME ...
A NEW EVENT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?


... MASTERS OF RAIKOO!
WELCOME ...

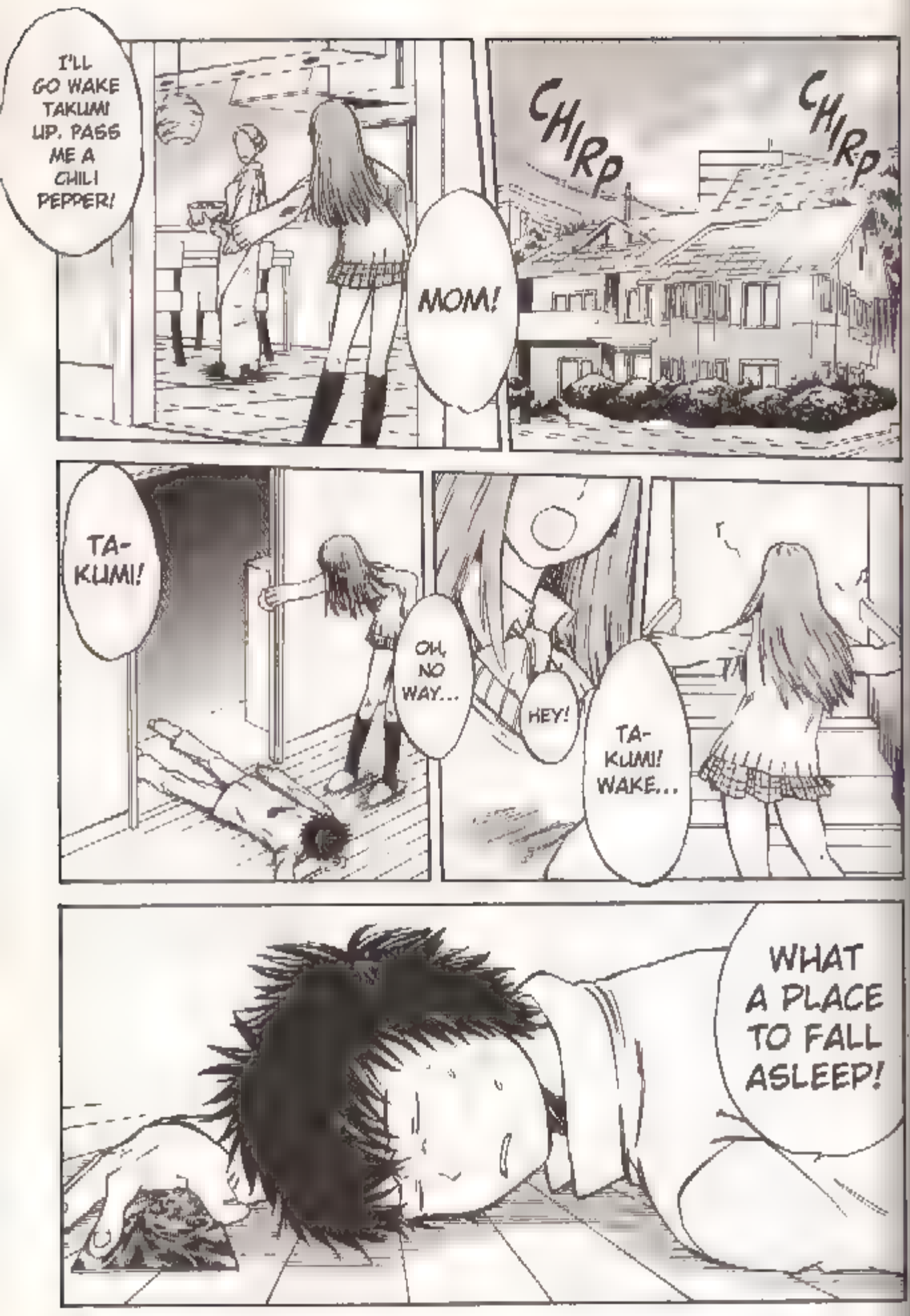

THERE ARE ONLY 99 RAIKOO CARDS IN EXISTENCE ...
...AND THE CARDS THAT YOU EACH HOLD ARE SYMBOLS OF YOUR MASTERY.
YOU WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS MASTERS ...
...MUST LEAD RAIKOO TO HIS TRUE AWAKENING.

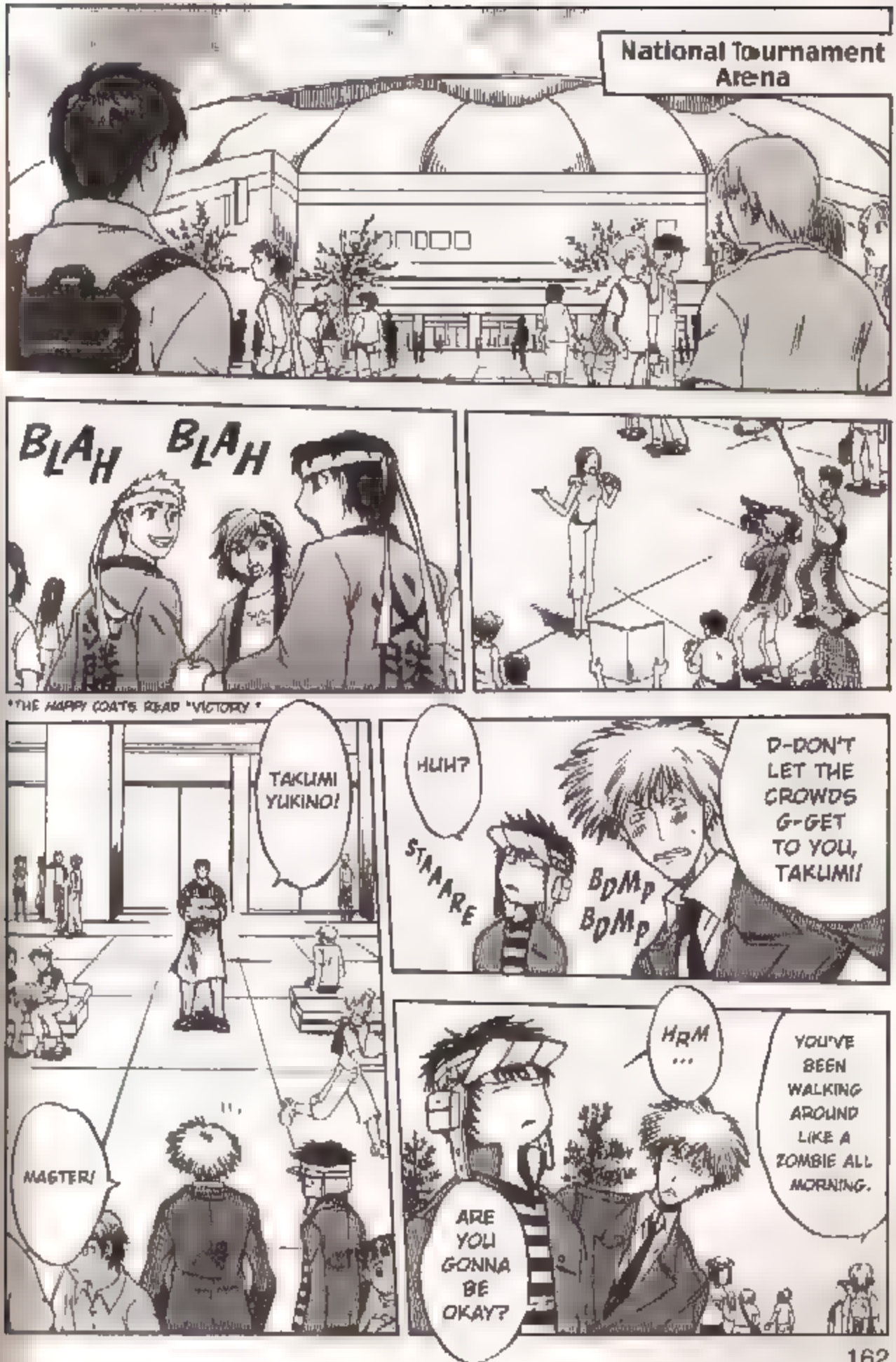

MISTER! THANKS FOR THE CARDS!
I THOUGHT SO! IT'S THE MAN WHO GAVE ME THE D.D. CARDS!
SO THIS IS SOME KINDA SPECIAL EVENT!
BLAH
BLAH
JUST A BIG TOURNA-MENT?
THIS "TRUE AWAKENING" ..
...IS SIMPLE TO REACH.
?
MAYBE IT'S 'CAUSE MY HAIR IS MESSED UP.
ER I GUESS HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME
TO PUT IT BRIEFLY, ALL OF YOU...


...MUST DESTROY EACH OTHER.
CHIPS


THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THERE IS ONLY ONE LEFT, WHO WILL AWAKEN AS THE TRUE RAIKOO!
AS ONE RAIKOO DEVOURS ANOTHER, THE VICTOR WILL ABSORB THE POWERS OF THE LOSER.
THOSE WHO DON'T PARTICIPATE WILL LOSE THEIR RAIKOO CARDS IMMEDIATELY.
WHOA
HEY! NO WAY!!
YOU MUST JOIN THE FIGHT.
YOU MISUNDER-STAND. THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.
WAAH
YEAH? BIG WHOOP! DO WE GET A PRIZE?
I DON'T LIKE IT! I'M NOT GONNA PLAY!!
RIGHT, TAKUMI?
THE GAME HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

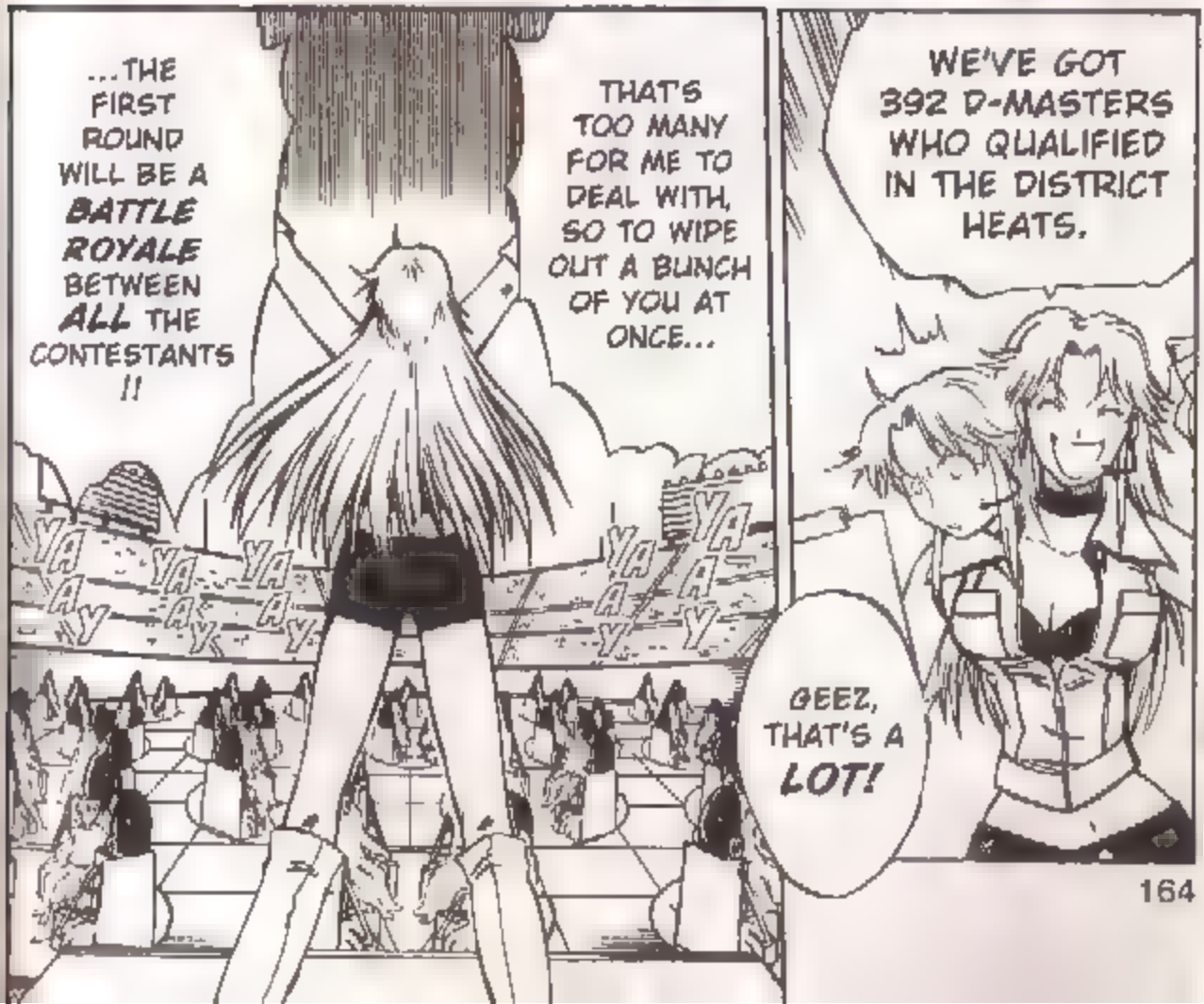

FEELING THAT EXCITE-MENT YET?
..IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING AMAZING WAS ABOUT TO START.
THE FIRST TIME I TOUCHED THE RAIKOO CARD...
BUT THIS...


I'LL GO WAKE TAKUMI UP. PASS ME A CHILI PEPPER!
MOM!
CHIRP
CHIRP
TA-KUMI!
OH, NO WAY...
HEY!
TA-KUMI! WAKE...
WHAT A PLACE TO FALL ASLEEP!


National Tournament Arena
BLAH BLAH
*THE HAPPY COATS READ "VICTORY"
TAKUMI YUKINO!
MASTER!
HUH?
STAAARE
BDMP BDMP
D-DON'T LET THE CROWDS G-GET TO YOU, TAKUMI!
HRM ...
ARE YOU GONNA BE OKAY?
YOU'VE BEEN WALKING AROUND LIKE A ZOMBIE ALL MORNING.


..YOU HAVE FOLLOWED MY TRAINING WELL!
ALL THIS TIME...
BLAH
BLAH
HE WAS ONLY THERE FOR THREE DAYS.
...
BUT HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE RULES STRAIGHT!
...
THERE IS NO MORE I CAN TEACH YOU.
MASTER.. YOU JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE, DO YOU?
...
THAT IS ALL.
GO OUT THERE AND SLAY 'EM!
THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT!


IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
TIME FOR THE D D. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, DRAGONIC BOUT!!


WE'VE GOT 392 D-MASTERS WHO QUALIFIED IN THE DISTRICT HEATS.
GEEZ, THAT'S A LOT!
THAT'S TOO MANY FOR ME TO DEAL WITH, SO TO WIPE OUT A BUNCH OF YOU AT ONCE...
...THE FIRST ROUND WILL BE A BATTLE ROYALE BETWEEN ALL THE CONTESTANTS !!
YA
AY


READ THIS WAY
ARRGH!
SWSH
RIGHT YOU! YOU'RE DISQUALFIED FOR TALKING BACK!!
THOSE WEREN'T THE RULES LAST YEAR, LADY!
BOOO!
FIGHT AS HARD AS YOU CAN!!
WE'LL NARROW THE FIELD TO 50 PLAYERS
D-BREAK!!!
GHOLOL


KA BO OM!
D-Zone
WHOA! A WILD BATTLE IS ALREADY UNDER-WAY IN AREA A!!
EAT EACH OTHER?
...IT MUST'VE BEEN JUST A DREAM, RIGHT?
BUT ...
I HOPE SO.
YEAH.
.. APPARENTLY, IT'LL GET ALL THE LOSERS' POWERS.
THE RAIKOOS FIGHT EACH OTHER... UM...AND IF ONE WINS... ER...


READ THIS WAY
!
CRACK
RAI-KOO-...
BAM
WATCH OUT!!
TA-KUMI! LOOK !!
!

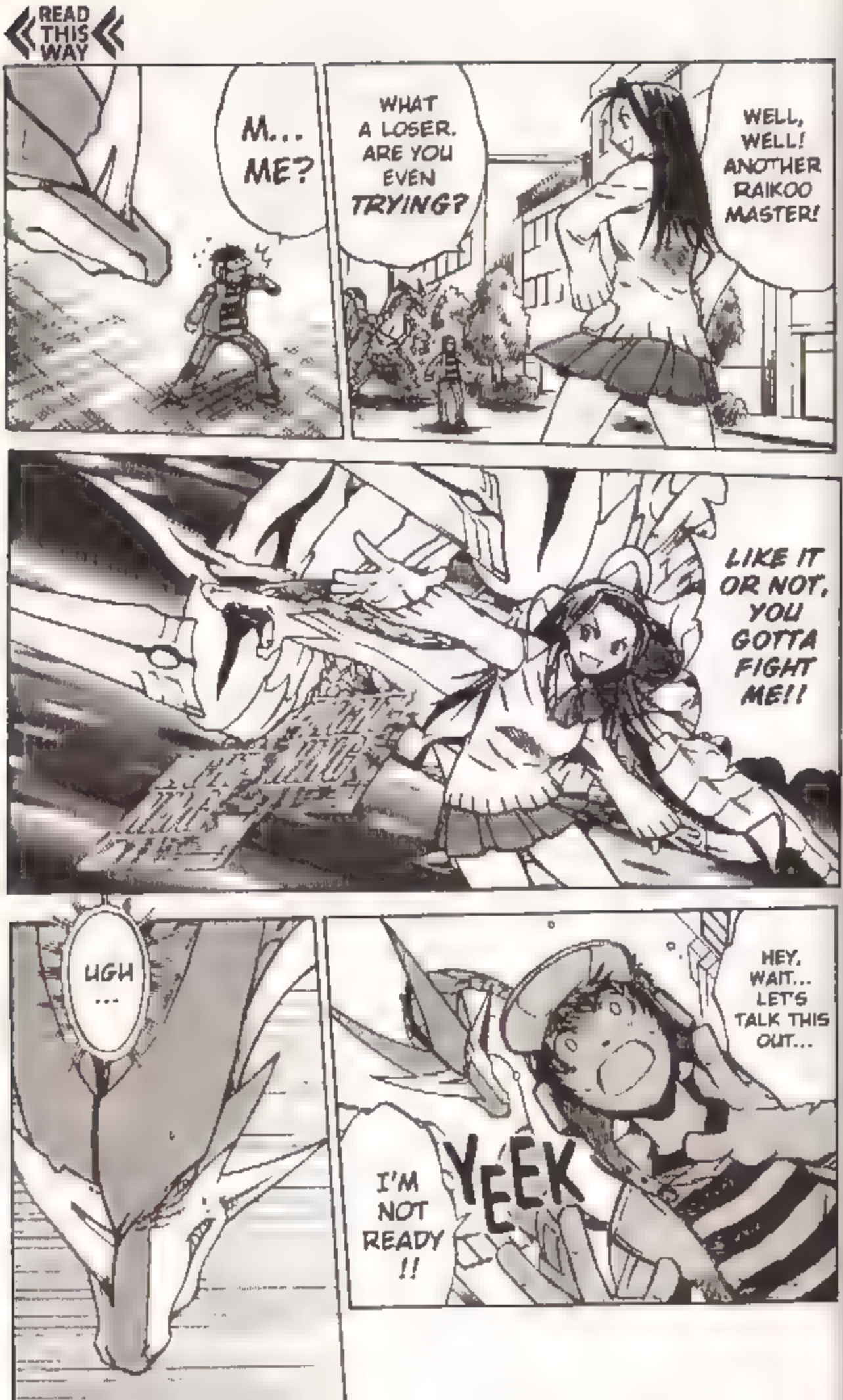

WAAH!
MY RAIKOO!
THE RAIKOOS ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER!
WHAT?

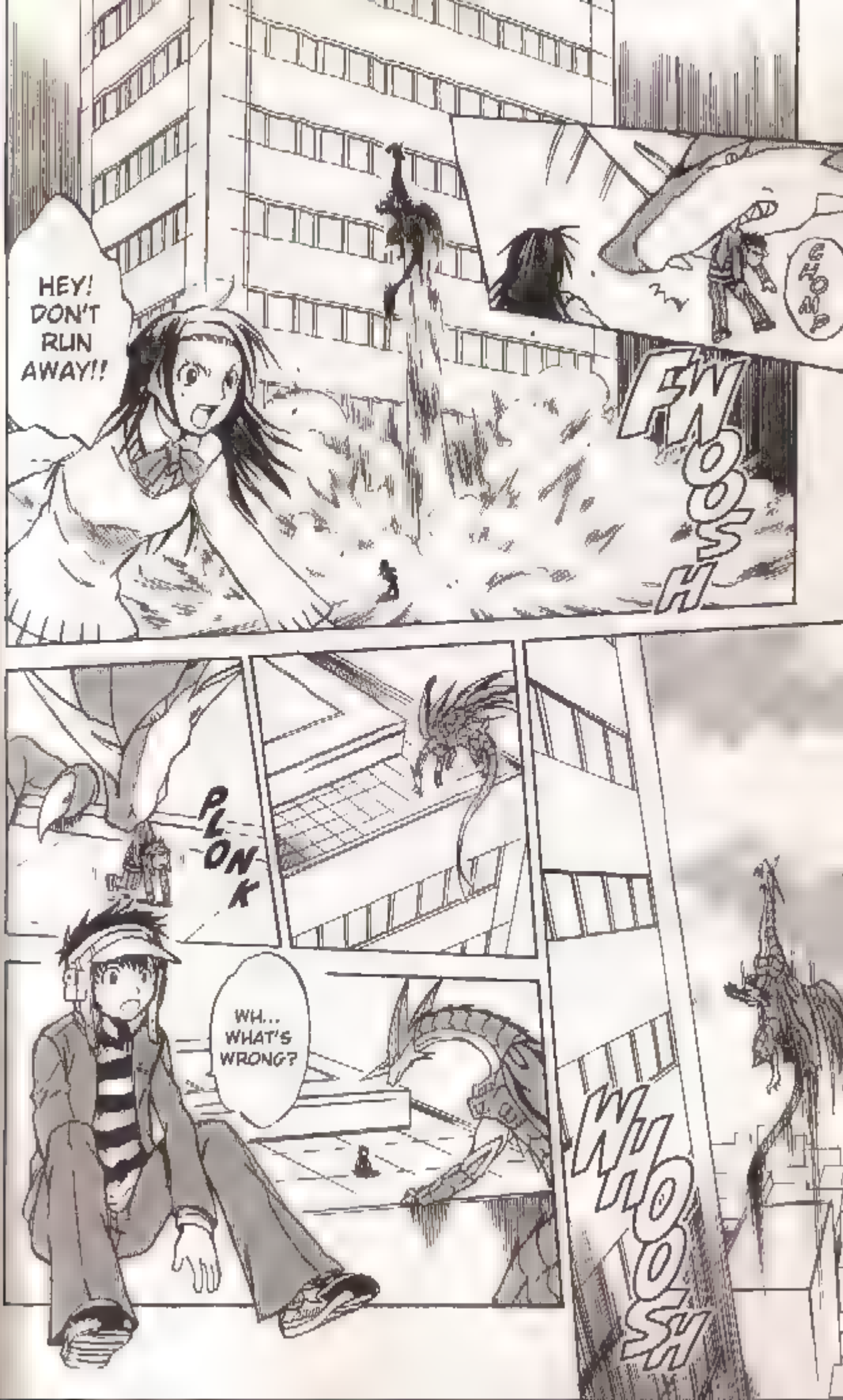

WHOOOM
WE WON!
MY RAIKOO WON!!
FLLLT
WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABSORBING HIS OPPONENT'S POWER!
WHOA! A FIGHT TO THE DEATH BETWEEN RAIKOOS!!
THROB
THROB
BDKDK
BDKDK


ROAR
YAAA
YAAA
HE GREW! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?


WHY?
FOOM
MY RAIKOO CARD'S GONE BLANK!
NO WAY!
SSSHP
GIVE ME MY RAIKOO BACK!
THEY NEVER SAID THE CARD WOULD VANISH!
GAME OVER
I DON'T LIKE THIS...
IT WASN'T A DREAM!
SO IT'S TRUE!

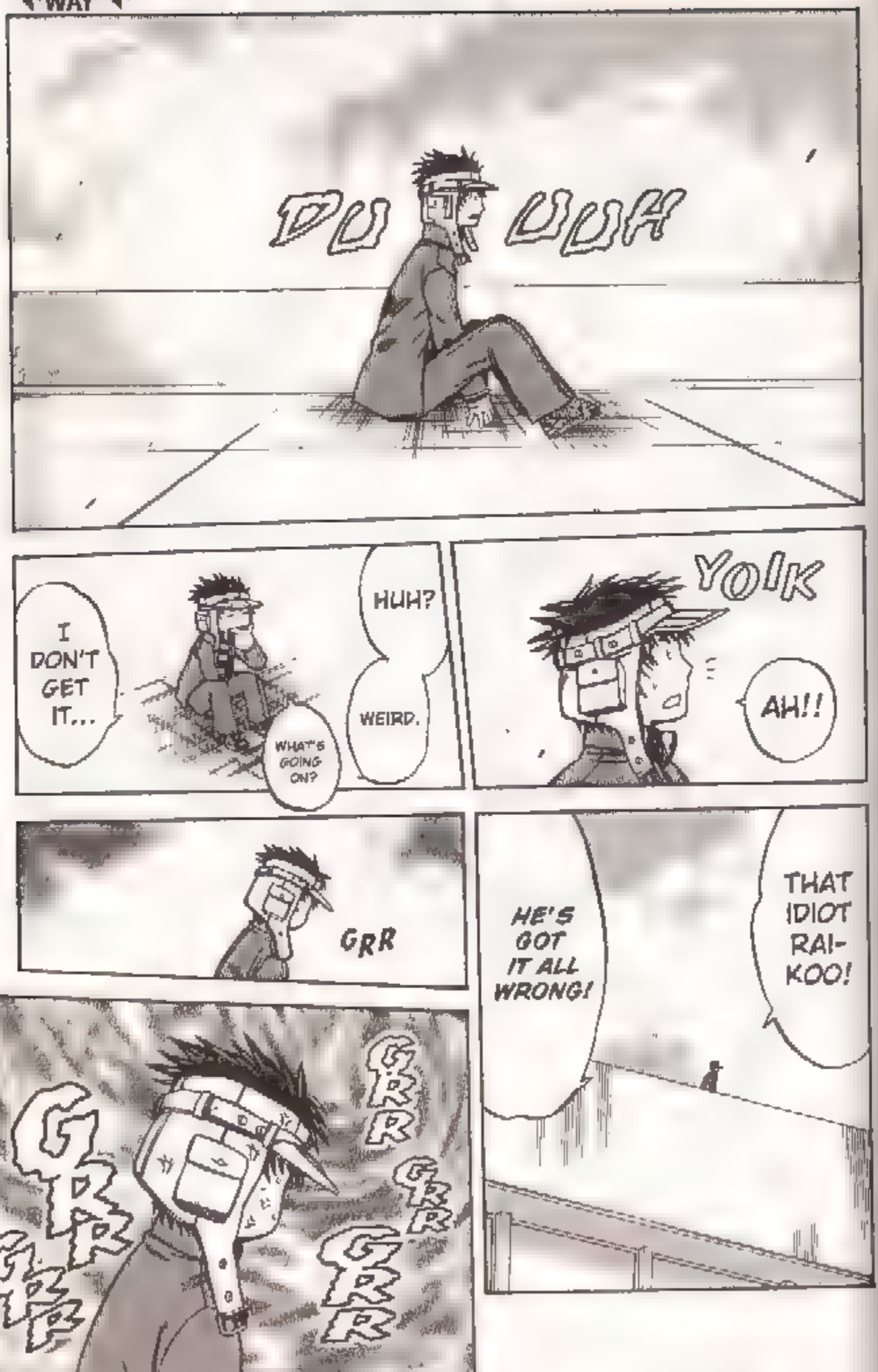

FZZT
FZZT
TA-KUMI
IS THIS ANOTHER PART OF ME?
EVERY CELL IN MY BODY IS TELLING ME TO FIGHT HIM.
I FEEL STRANGE ...
UGH. MY HEAD'S THROBBING
...!
TAKUMI!!
...


READ THIS WAY
M... ME?
WHAT A LOSER. ARE YOU EVEN TRYING?
WELL, WELL! ANOTHER RAIKOO MASTER!
LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU GOTTA FIGHT ME!!
UGH ...
HEY, WAIT... LET'S TALK THIS OUT...
YEEK
I'M NOT READY !!


HEY! DON'T RUN AWAY!!
GHOMP
FWOOSH
PLONK
WH... WHAT'S WRONG?
WHOOSH

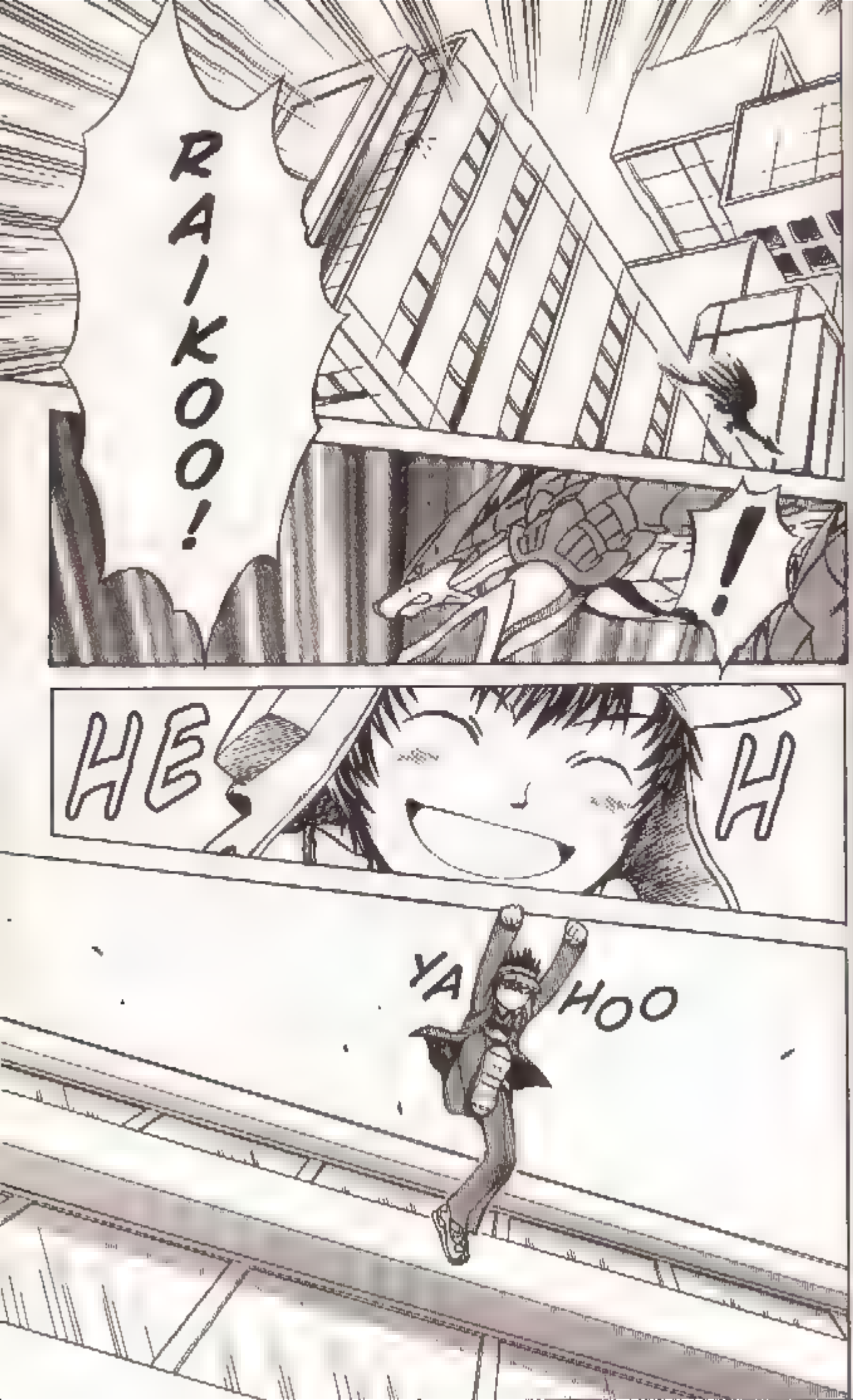

HUH?
I'M GOING TO GO DOWN AND FIGHT.
WAIT FOR ME HERE.
I CAN'T LET YOU GET INVOLVED.
THIS IS MY FIGHT.
...I HAVE TO FIGHT... I CAN FEEL IT.
EVEN IF I LOSE AND VANISH...
I'VE SEEN THE WORRIED LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
YOU'RE A KIND BOY.


THIS FIGHT IS NOT FOR YOU.
BAM
?
HAS THE DRAGON GONE MENTAL?


DU DUH
I DON'T GET IT...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH?
WEIRD.
YOIK
AH!!
GRR
HE'S GOT IT ALL WRONG!
THAT IDIOT RAI-KOO!
GRR GRR GRR GRR GRR GRR


I'M SO...
DOO...
...ANGRY!
...M'O


SHOOF
STOMP

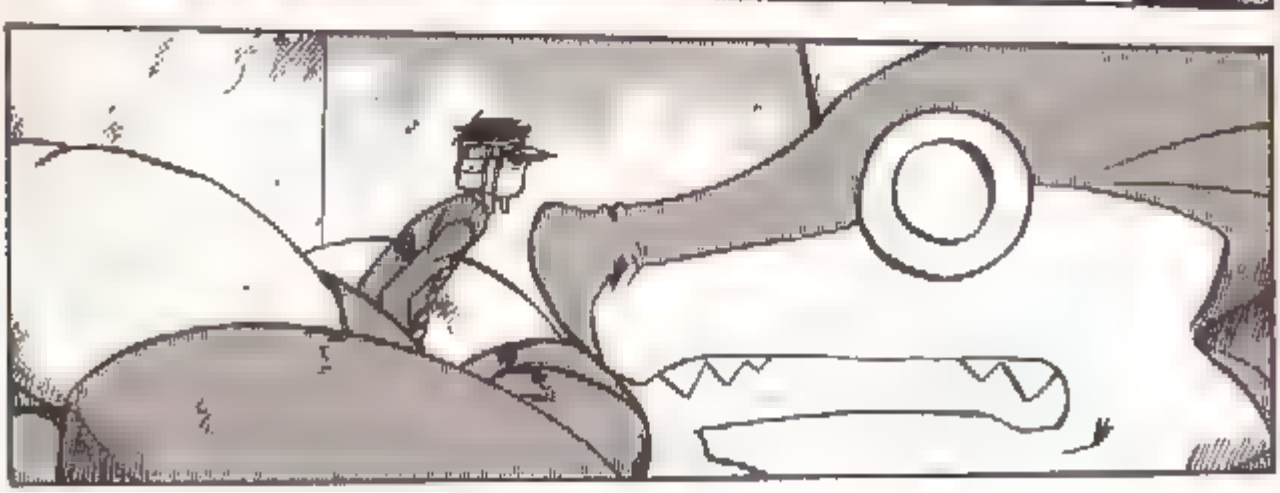

RAIKOO!
!
HE
H
YA
HOO


TAKUMI!!

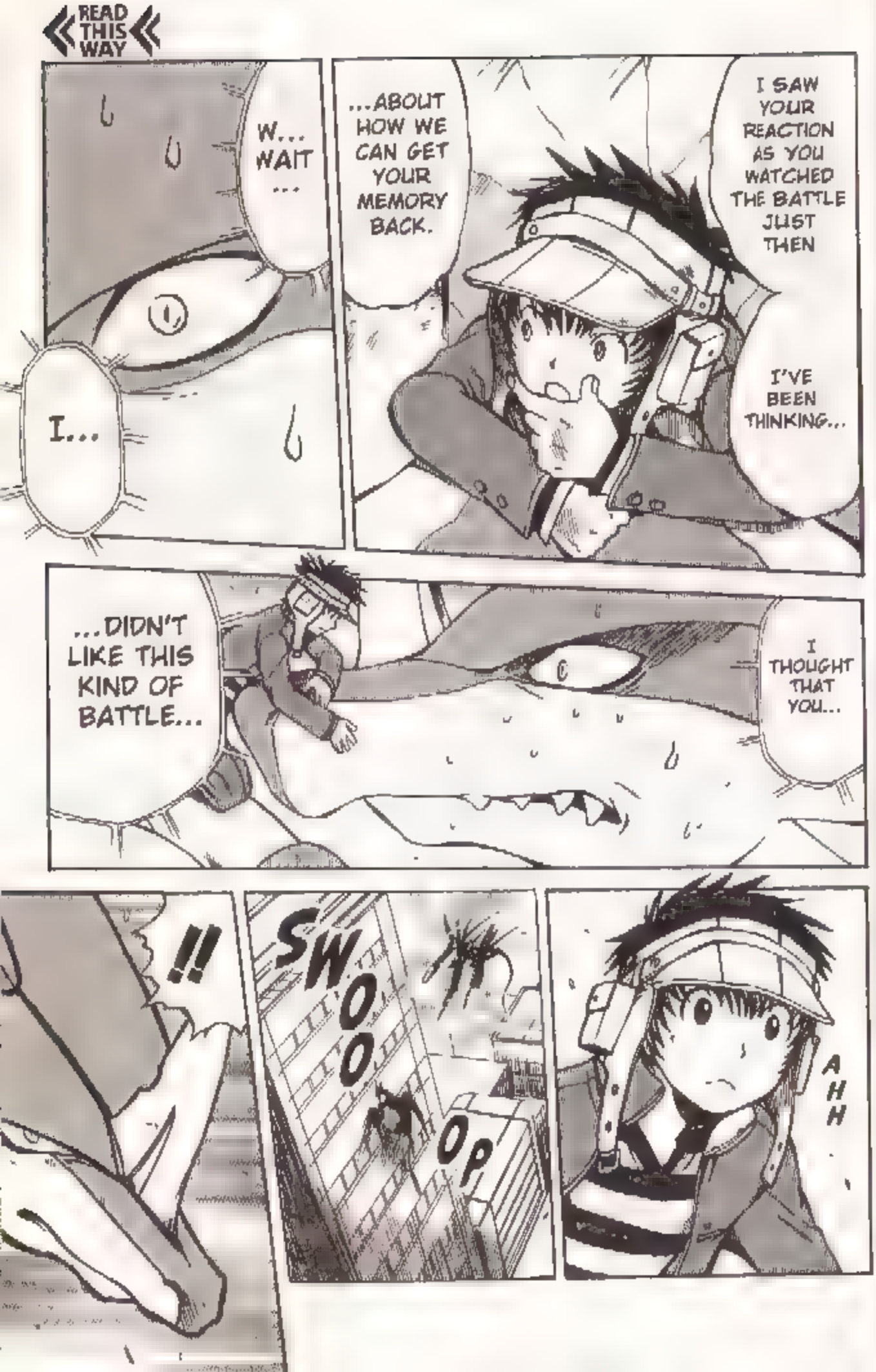

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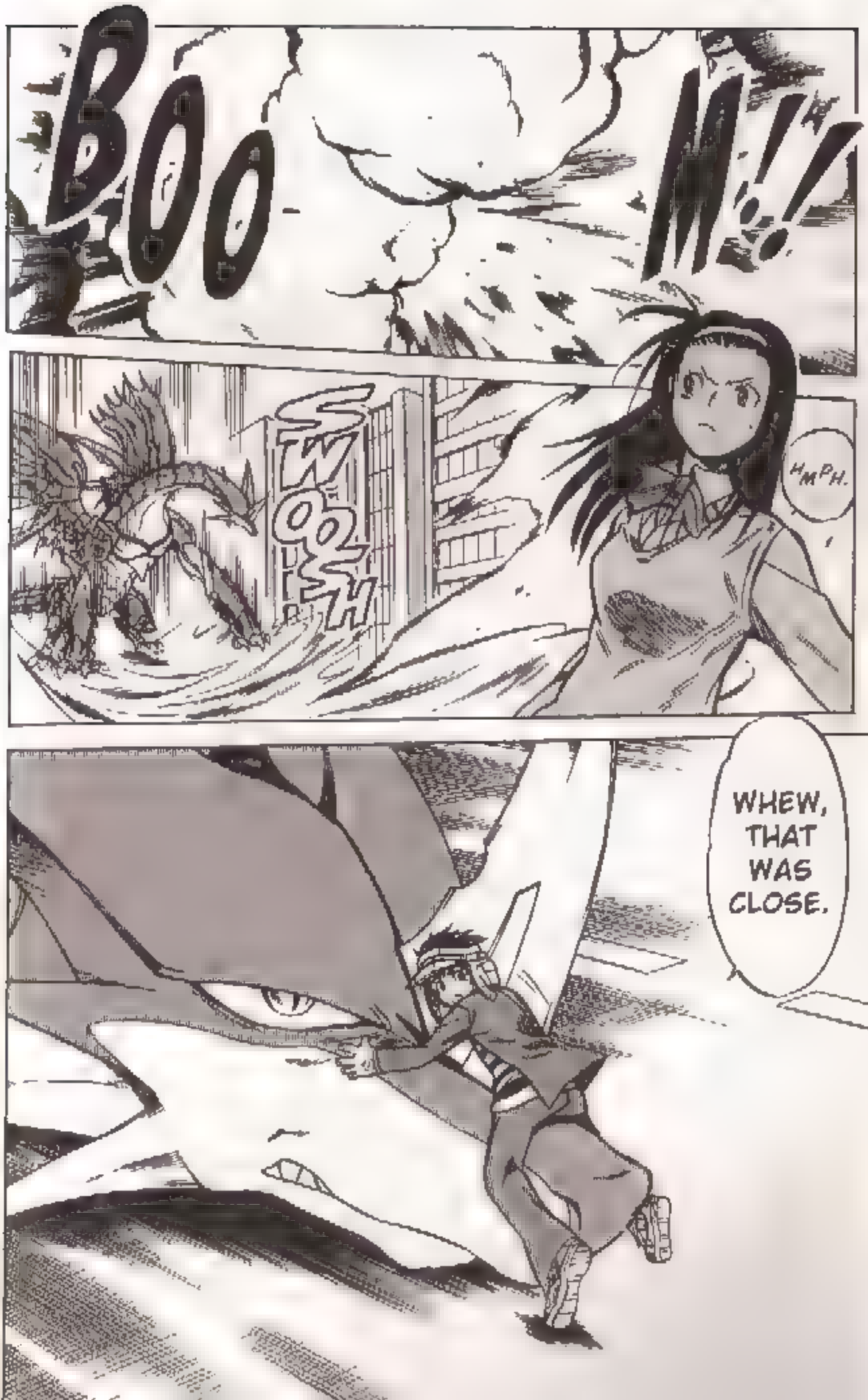

I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!!
WHY ARE YOU SO FOOLISH?
OHRR
WHEW
...BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO IN ALONE!
THROB
YOU SAID IT WAS YOUR BATTLE ...


IDIOT.



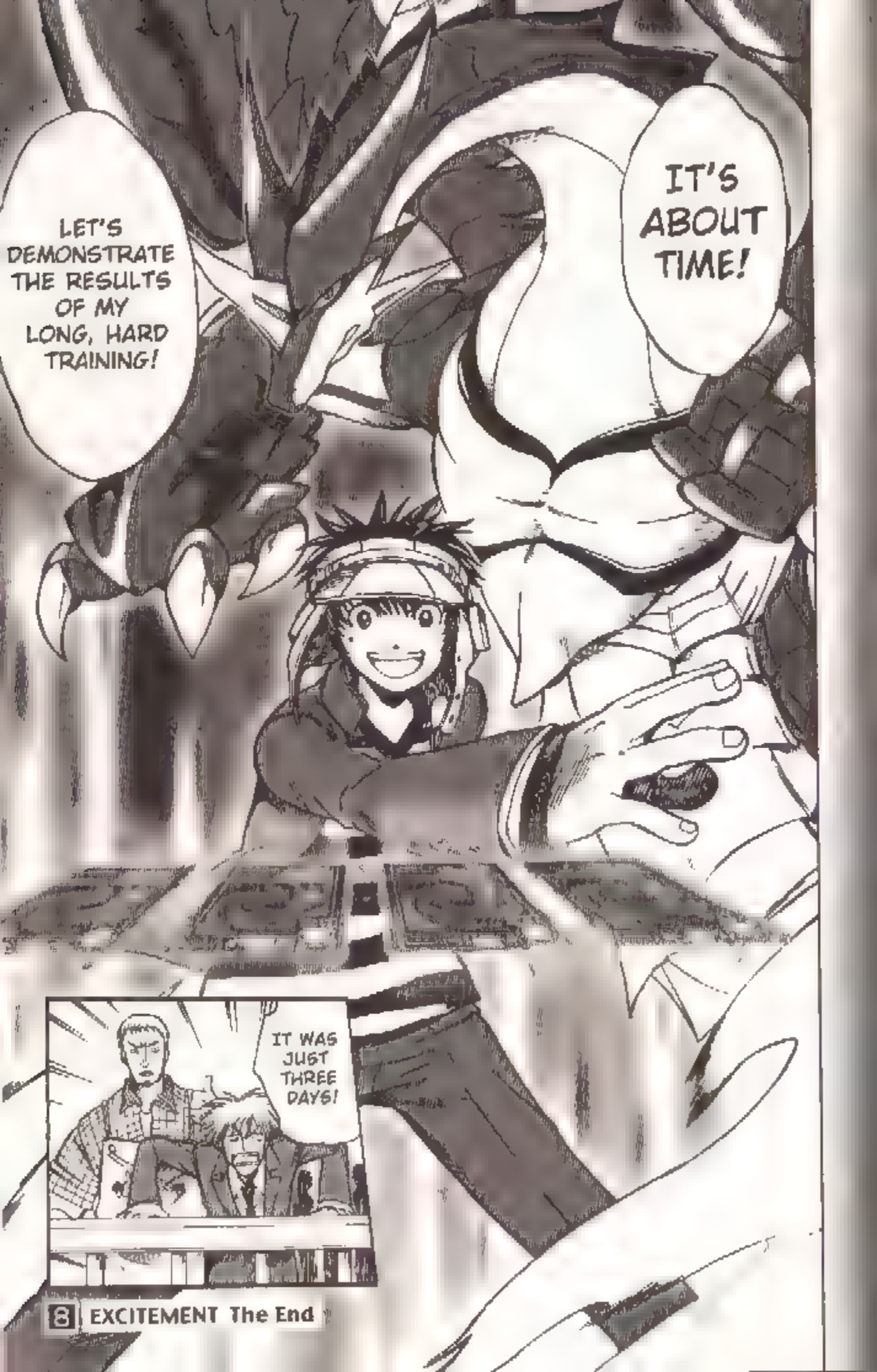

GRAB
RAIKOO!
LISTEN!
WHOA
I WONDER IF THAT'S THE KEY TO RESTORING YOUR MEMORY.
YOU KNOW HOW THE RAIKOOS ABSORB EACH OTHER'S POWER?
WH...
WHAT?

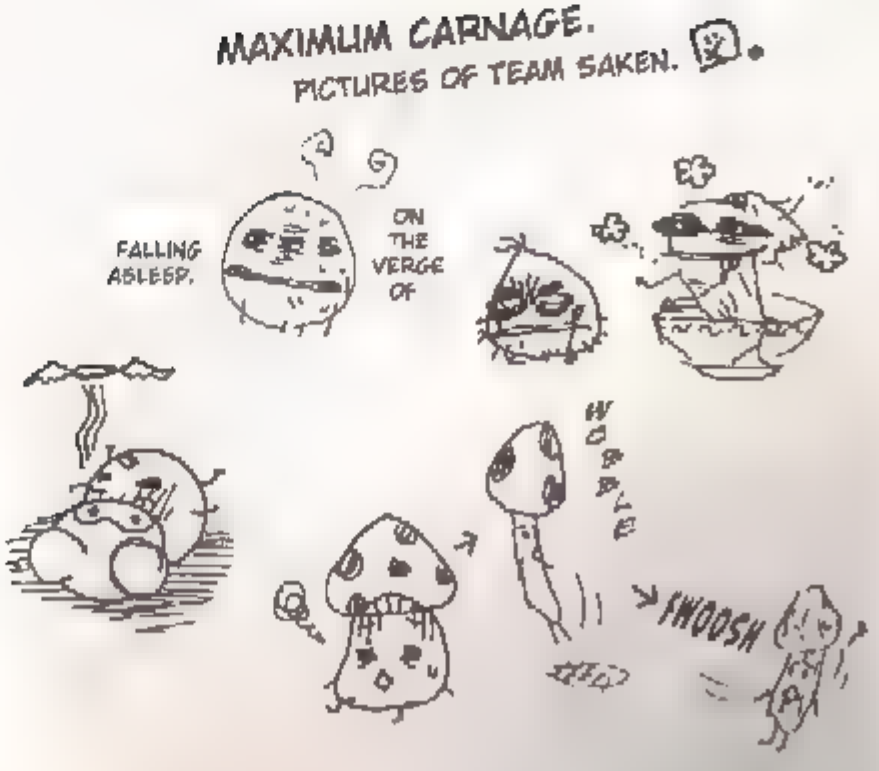

READ THIS WAY
W... WAIT ...
I...
...ABOUT HOW WE CAN GET YOUR MEMORY BACK.
I SAW YOUR REACTION AS YOU WATCHED THE BATTLE JUST THEN
I'VE BEEN THINKING...
...DIDN'T LIKE THIS KIND OF BATTLE...
I THOUGHT THAT YOU...
!!
SWOOOP
AHH


BOOM!!!
SWOOSH
HMPH.
WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE.

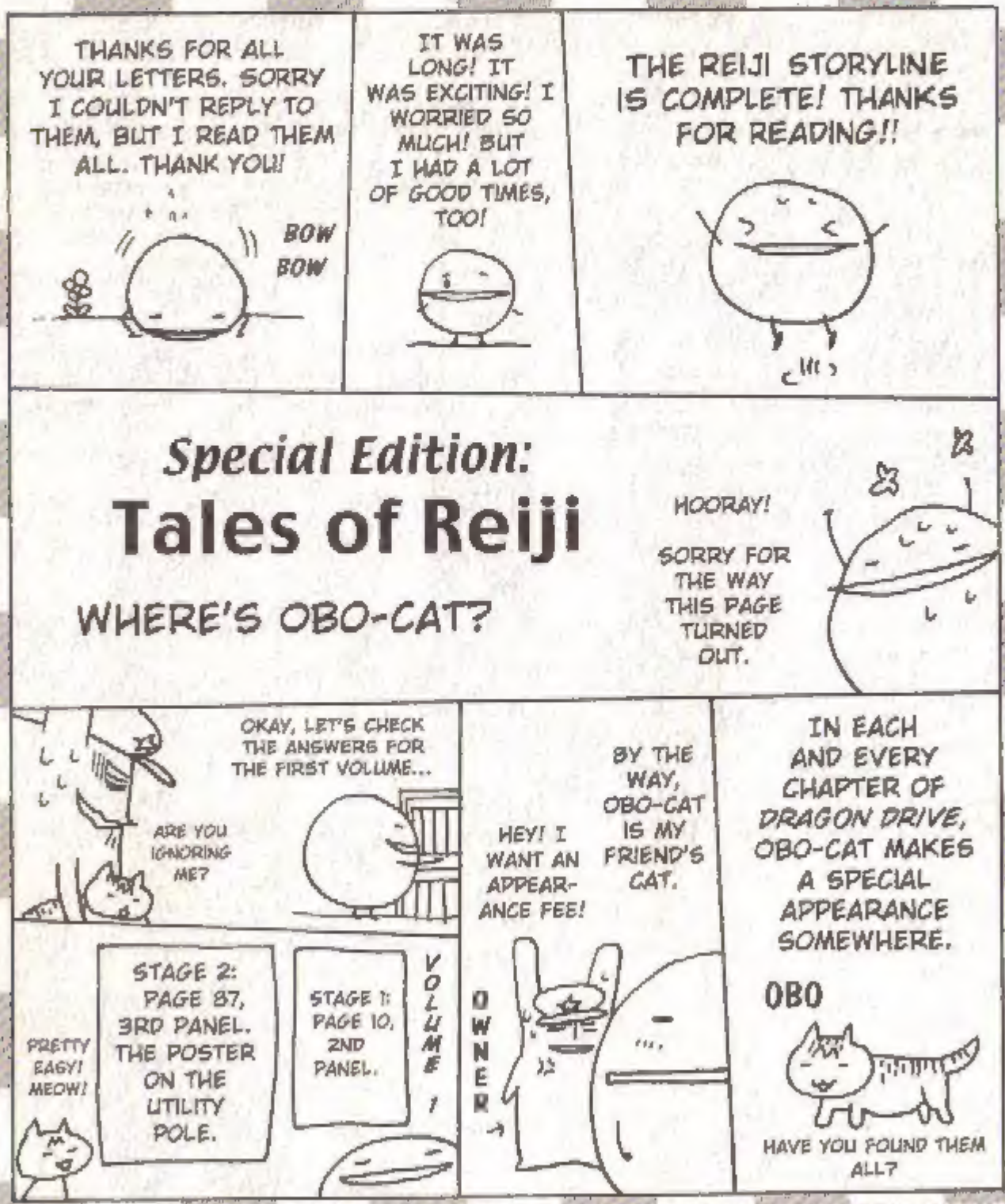

WHY?
WHY?
...YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO HELP ME.
ALL THIS TIME..
...YOU SAID I WAS YOUR PARTNER, RIGHT?
WELL ...


ROOARR
RIGHT?
DRR
DRR
EXCUSE ME... ARE YOU EVER GOING TO GET AROUND TO FIGHTING?
OH! SORRY!
THANKS FOR WAITING!

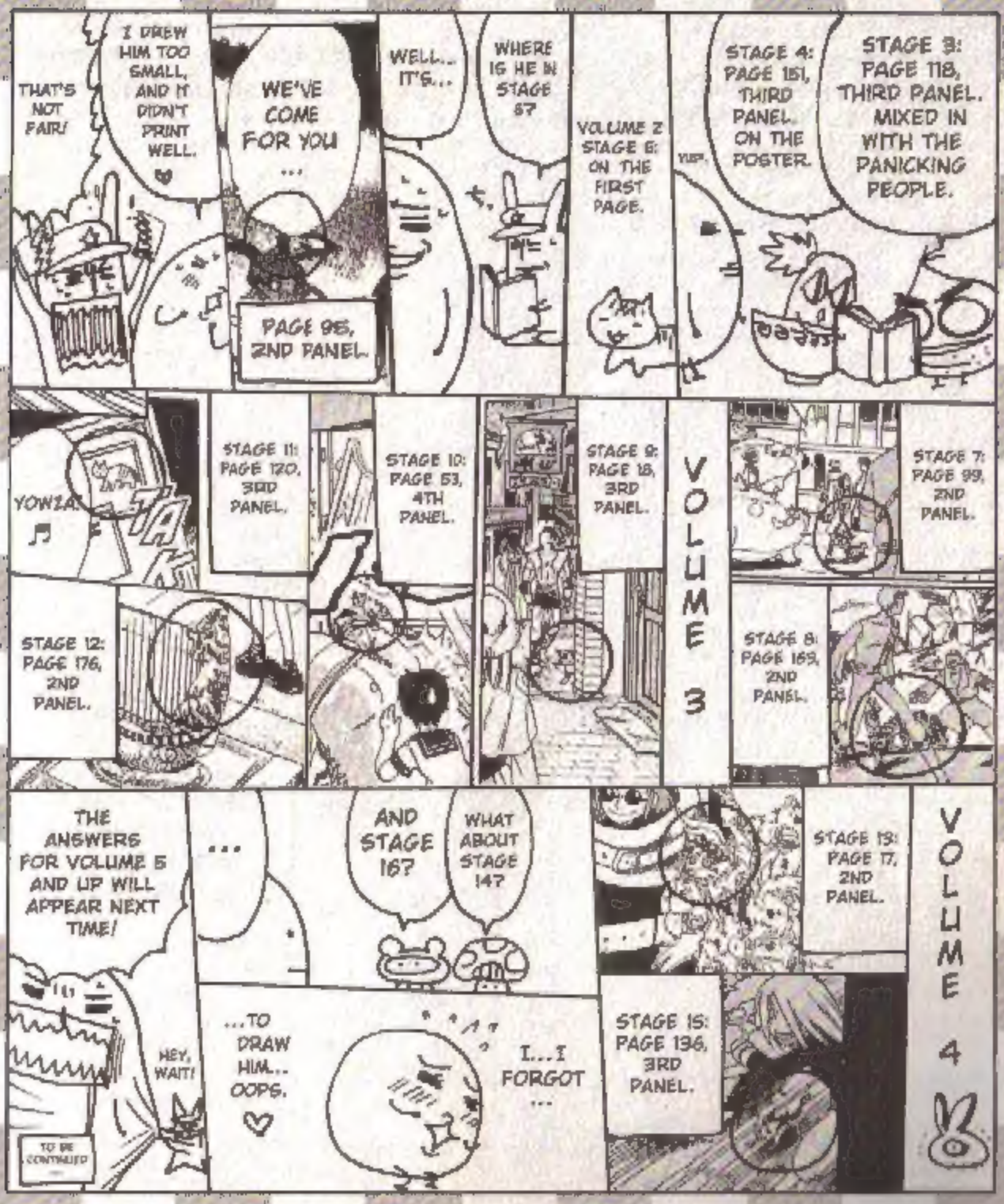

LET'S DEMONSTRATE THE RESULTS OF MY LONG, HARD TRAINING!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
IT WAS JUST THREE DAYS!


MAXIMUM CARNAGE.
PICTURES OF TEAM SAKEN.
FALLING ASLEEP.
ON THE VERGE OF
WOBBLE
WOOSH

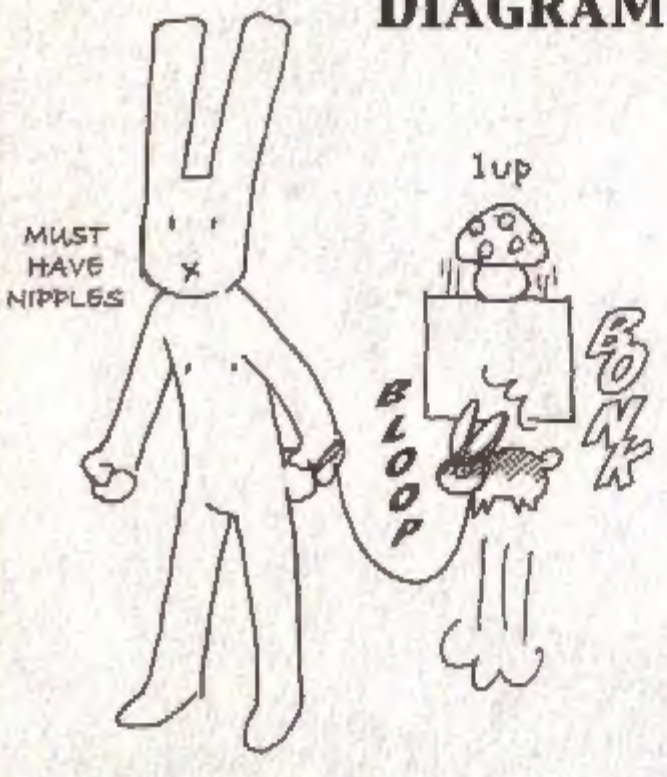
Saken Theater



WHILE I WAS DRAWING THESE BONUS PAGES, I CUT MY FINGER AND COULDN'T HOLD THE PEN PROPERLY! SORRY FOR THE ROUGH ARTWORK!


THAT'S NOT FAIR!
I DREW HIM TOO SMALL, AND IT DIDN'T PRINT WELL.
WE'VE COME FOR YOU ...
PAGE 95, 2ND PANEL.
WELL... IT'S...
WHERE IS HE IN STAGE 5?
VOLUME 2 STAGE 6: ON THE FIRST PAGE.
YUEP.
STAGE 4: PAGE 151, THIRD PANEL. ON THE POSTER.
STAGE 3: PAGE 118, THIRD PANEL. MIXED IN WITH THE PANICKING PEOPLE.
YOWZA
STAGE 11: PAGE 120, 3RD PANEL.
STAGE 10: PAGE 53, 4TH PANEL.
STAGE 9: PAGE 18, 3RD PANEL.
VOLUME 3
STAGE 7: PAGE 99, 2ND PANEL.
STAGE 12: PAGE 176, 2ND PANEL.
STAGE 8: PAGE 169, 2ND PANEL.
THE ANSWERS FOR VOLUME 5 AND UP WILL APPEAR NEXT TIME!
...
AND STAGE 16?
WHAT ABOUT STAGE 14?
STAGE 13: PAGE 17, 2ND PANEL.
VOLUME 4
HEY, WAIT!
TO BE CONTINUED
...TO DRAW HIM... OOPS.
I...I FORGOT ...
STAGE 15: PAGE 136, 3RD PANEL.

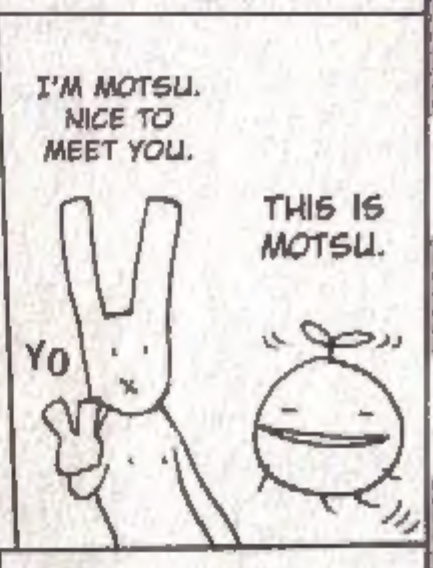
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Bonus











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